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## 21,680 ballots ordered from Nebraska

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» **CEC's Sablan:**  
**We're set**

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol disclosed yesterday that she ordered 21,680 ballots from Nebraska-based Election Systems & Software for the Nov. 8 general elections.



Sablan

Robin N. Sablan in a separate interview at CEC office in Supe yesterday morning.

Saipan Tribune opted not to

"We're set," said CEC administrative officer

ask more questions, through text messages, to Igitol as she was not feeling well and not in her office yesterday.

Sablan said since they have over 18,000 voters, they just ordered 15% higher number of ballots from ES&S "just in case."



Igitol

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were 18,903 registered voters in the CNMI for the Nov. 8 general elections.

Sablan said they already sent, through an email, to ES&S the ballots' layout that the board had already approved.

So now we're just waiting  
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### COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

#### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

### 3 lawmakers happy with CEC meeting, positive about fair elections

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Sens. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) and Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai (D-Saipan) pose outside the Commonwealth Election Commission office in Supe yesterday morning shortly after they held a meeting with CEC and Office of the Attorney General regarding absentee voting, among other issues.

Sens. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) and Rep. Denita Yangetmai (D-Saipan) met with the Commonwealth Election Commission and Office of the Attorney General yesterday morning to express, among other issues, their concern about the procedure in dealing with absentee requests.

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## Bento lunches donated to CHCC, COVID-19 Task Force

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The Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands donated 200 Japanese

lunch bentos to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the COVID-19 Task Force yesterday.

Prior to handing out the lunches, CHCC CEO Esther Muña thanked the

Japanese Society of the NMI chair Mamoru Watanabe and Japanese Consul Ryoji Takagaki, saying "we definitely appreciate you even thinking about the

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muña, front, alongside Japanese Consul Ryoji Takagaki hold up a lunch bento donated by the Japanese Society of the Northern Mariana Islands yesterday morning in appreciation of CHCC and COVID-19 Task Force staff.

LEIGH GASES

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# Local

## Torres vetoes Sablan, Propst's bill for lack of info as to costs

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Citing lack of information about its costs to administer, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has vetoed a bill that proposes to have the CNMI join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to improve and expand access to mental health care in the CNMI.

Torres informed the House of Representatives and the Senate last week that although he vetoed House Bill No. 22-80.

He said although he supports the Legislature's initiative to improve and expand mental health care within the Commonwealth,



Propst



Sablan

there is a financial commitment to joining the PSYPACT which will coordinate the efforts of the participating jurisdictions to provide and regulate psychology services within the jurisdictions.

"Because the authors of the bill did not include any infor-

mation detailing what the estimated annual costs will be to administer PSYPACT for any funding support via appropriation to support this annual financial commitment for the Commonwealth, I must respectfully exercise my constitutional authority to veto this bill," the governor said.

Torres asked the Legislature to ensure that accountability exists before financial commitments are made on behalf of the Commonwealth by way of legislative action.

Reps. Christina E. Sablan (D-

Saipan) and Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) are the main authors of the bill. The House passed the legislation last April 27 without amendments. The Senate passed it without amendments last July 22.

Sablan earlier stated that House Bill 22-80 brings the CNMI one step closer to joining the PSYPACT, an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries.

She said the bill would expand CNMI residents' access to mental healthcare, including specialized services not currently available in the Marianas.

## Recommendations for cultural projects needed

On behalf of The Inetnuk Kutturán Natibun Marianas/Kkooor Aramasal Marianas, a non-profit organization in the CNMI, president Isidoro T. Cabrera would like to invite interested individuals to recommend Chamorro or Carolinian cultural projects or programs such as traditional knowledge, history, language, traditional healing practices, local names and history of places in the CNMI, music, among others.

If interested, please respond to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LKXCV7P>. The survey is also available at: <https://natibunmarianas.org>.

The survey will close on Oct. 31, 2022. Prizes: Out of the first 30 respondents,

IKNM/KAM will randomly select four respondents to each receive a hardbound copy of the *Directory of Traditional Healers and Medicinal Plants* in the CNMI by Manuel F. Borja and Jose S. Roppul, or a book on *Chamorro Grammar* by Dr. Sandra Chung. Prizes will be awarded on Nov. 30, 2022.

This project was made possible, in part, by support from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a non-profit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the NEH Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative. (PR)



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# NMC students elect new officers

Northern Marianas College students recently elected new officers to the college's student government body, the Associated Students of NMC or ASNMC.

The new officers are Anushi Joshi, president; Jefferson Cunanan, vice president; Jenara Bai, treasurer; Daryll De Luna, secretary; and Bonnie Gio Sagana, Eloise Lopez, and Jami Starling, senators.

"I'm very excited and hope to live up to the expectations of the new ASNMC president," Joshi said. "I want to express my gratitude to all my friends, peers, and everyone for supporting and trusting me with this opportunity."

Born in Nepal and raised in India, Joshi moved to Saipan five years ago. It had been a journey for the 20-year-old business major since the first day of being a junior at Marianas High School, as she was shy and had limited knowledge of the English language.

"I learned a lot about diverse cultures, ethnicities, people, and the significant history of this island," Joshi said. "I was fascinated and admired the love and support that the local community has to offer. I always wanted to be a part of our community and contribute in any way possible, which is why I ran for ASNMC."

Serving with Joshi as her vice president is former ASNMC secretary and Liberal Arts major Jefferson Cunanan.



Joshi



Cunanan



Bai



De Luna



Sagana



Lopez



Starling

rest of the student population," Bai said.

"I will do my best to lead by example and to grow more as an individual. Additionally, I hope to provide more opportunities for students to take advantage of and assure my fellow Proas that enrolling in a community college can be as fun, if not better, than a regular university."

Bai is a student employee with NMC's Project PROA tu-

toring and mentoring program.

Secretary-elect Daryll De Luna said that he is ecstatic about being able to serve the NMC student population. "I am truly thankful for the students that voted for me and I am very excited to serve the student body as secretary," De Luna said.

Bonnie Gio Sagana, a nursing student, said that he is glad that students elected him as senator.

"I feel honored to know that I can represent a variety of students who all have one goal which is to feel welcomed and supported in school," Sagana said. "I want to be able to serve as a platform for these

students to voice their opinions and continue improving their experience as a whole."

Jami Aline Starling, who is pursuing a Liberal Arts degree, said that she is thrilled to be a senator. "My passion is helping people," Starling said. "As an ASNMC senator, I am honored to serve the student body and help where I can. I am excited and looking forward to getting more involved. The student body can count on me to listen and communicate student needs and concerns."

Education major Eloise Rose Lopez said she is grateful to have been elected as senator. "Being chosen as an

ASNMC senator has given me another chance to keep doing the things I love, which is to help and guide others," Lopez said. "Thank you again to those who selected me to be an ASNMC officer."

ASNMC is a student-driven governance body at the college. Its executive cabinet is composed of students who are elected at large by the student body and serve a one-year term in office. This year's student government elections took place on Aug. 29 through 31, 2022.

For more information about ASNMC, visit [marianas.edu](http://marianas.edu) or email [asnmc@marianas.edu](mailto:asnmc@marianas.edu). (PR)

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### JANITORIAL SERVICES NMC IFB 22-0006

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Janitorial, Housekeeping and Cleaning Services for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. P, commencing Thursday, August 25, 2022 between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bid Packages are due no later than 2:00 p.m., September 26, 2022, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. P, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB email to Anita Camacho ([ppmo@marianas.edu](mailto:ppmo@marianas.edu)). This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittal shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by:

/s/ Anita Camacho  
NMC Procurement & Property Manager



# HANMI occupancy rate at 33% in August 2022

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported a 33% average occupancy rate among its 12 member hotels for August 2022, compared to 12% average occupancy in August 2021.

A total of 15,076 of 45,317 available room nights sold during August 2022, compared to 4,281 of 36,759 available rooms sold in August 2021. Average room rates were \$171.06 compared to \$137.66 last August.

"August average occupancy rates were very similar compared to July, although we did benefit from an 8% increase in average room rates between those two months alone," said HANMI chair Ivan Quicho-

cho. "Sept. 1 also marked the exciting commencement of direct flights three times a week between Tokyo and Saipan by United Airlines under the CNMI Tourism Resumption Investment Plan (TRIP). We expect those bookings to gradually increase beginning in October. The Japanese market will take time to recover, and we're moving the right direction."

Quichocho is also the chairman of CNMI TRIP.

Hotels included in HANMI's monthly statistical report are Aqua Resort Club, Aquarius Beach Tower,

Century Hotel, GrandVrio Resort Saipan, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Saipan World Resort, Surfrider Resort Hotel, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of The Marianas. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. The 20th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 17, 2022, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. (PR)

## UOG Press to release 'I Lalai i Bilembaotuyan'

The University of Guam Press is launching its newest publication, "I Lalai i Bilembaotuyan," a children's book written by Catherine Payne and John Payne II and illustrated by Veronica Cruz.

The book launch will be held from 10am to noon on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library in Hagåtña, where there will be a reading and signing by the book's authors and artist.

The book shares the story of Lálai, a young girl whose grandfather, Tátan Bihu, teaches her how to play the bilembaotuyan — a CHamoru instrument that makes a beautiful and unique sound when struck with a hitting stick.

Lálai uses the instrument to share the teachings of her Tátan Bihu with her younger cousins, showing that music is a gift passed down from one generation to the next. The book teaches children the importance of patience, practice, and hard work and highlights the importance of elders in the community.

"For our children to have more fulfilled lives, they need a connection to our grandparents' values, such as perseverance and respect," John Payne said.

In addition to sharing the wisdom of elders and knowledge about the bilembaotuyan, the book also touches on mental health and how to talk to young children about grief, a key theme in the story.

"I also want children to know that it is okay to feel that life can be difficult, but we can move on — that per-

### » Children's book has lessons on generational knowledge and grief

severance can get us through difficult times," he said.

Catherine Payne said she was inspired to write this story after hearing the bilembaotuyan being played when she was very young.

"I heard the bilembaotuyan during CHamoru Week in elementary school, and it has lived in my heart since then," she said. "Once I had the writing skills to craft narratives for children, I collaborated with my brother on this manuscript

to honor bilembaotuyan players and all other CHamoru musicians."

At the book's launch, a special musical demonstration of the instrument will be given by Delores Taitano Quinata, who learned how to play the instrument from Jesus



C. Payne

Meno Crisostomo, a master bilembaotuyan maker and player. Quinata has kept the tradition alive by teaching her children

and others in the community how to make and play the instrument.

Plans for an "I Lalai i Bilembaotuyan" audiobook and a bilembaotuyan-making workshop hosted by Quinata are forthcoming. Patrons are encour-

aged to follow UOG Press on Instagram and Facebook at @uogpress to stay updated on all upcoming events.

Pre-orders for the book are available now for \$15 on uogpress.com/. Sales in all local bookstores will begin after the launch on Sept. 17.

For more information, please contact UOG Press Publicist Via De Fant at (671) 735-2153 or defantv@triton.uog.edu.

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Kalabera Cave closes for repairs

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) under the CNMI Office of the Governor would like to inform the general public that Kalabera Cave will be closed for the safety of the community and visitors until repairs and improvements are completed. (PR)

#### Water service interruption for San Vicente, Dandan Homestead, Naftan, Obyan

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is will be an emergency water service interruption today, Sept. 8, 2022 from 8:30am to 2:30pm for customers in the areas of San Vicente, Dandan Homestead, Naftan, and Obyan.

The emergency water service interruption is due to the isolation of a 2-inch

service line for water operators to perform an emergency leak repair located on Kattan Huda Drive in San Vicente near the Ten Commandments Station of the Cross. Water service to the affected areas will resume thereafter.

For the safety of the men and women at the jobsite, please proceed with caution or take alternative routes as the southbound lane will be closed for the duration of the leak repair.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (670) 236-4333 or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). (PR)

#### VA health care enrollment drive

On Sept. 14, 15, and 16, staff from

the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will visit the Saipan Veterans Affairs clinic to help all eligible veterans enroll in VA health care.

All veterans who may qualify should enroll, even if you don't plan on using the Veterans Affairs health care. Enrolling with Veterans Affairs is a service to our veteran community, because a larger pool of registered vets will help support more Veterans Affairs services in the Marianas.

The upcoming enrollment push is a result of the passage of the PACT Act I cosponsored securing access to life-saving care for the 3.5 million veterans exposed to deadly toxins in the line of duty. Learn more about eligibility here and contact your congressional offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for assistance. (PR)

## BALLOTS

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on the ballot on how they look and everything," he said.

Sablan said the layout was sent to ES&S, which will then forward the final layout for Igitol's approval.

"As soon as they print that, they'll send us by batches because we open up early voting early and we want to make sure there's enough ballots for absentee requesters. We want to send them out as soon as we get the ballots," he said.

Sablan said ES&S is going to send to Saipan a technician to check the counting machines before election and also a technician for election day on standby.

## LAWMAKERS

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Manglona, DeLeon Guerrero, and Yangetmai had a meeting with CEC administrative officer Robin Sablan inside the CEC conference room in Susupe. Deputy attorney general Lilian A. Tenorio joined the meeting through Zoom as counsel for CEC.

Manglona in an interview shortly after they got out from CEC office said they requested for a meeting with CEC to talk about the Nov. 8 general election, making sure that there will be a good and fair election.

Manglona said they're happy so far with what they've heard from their meeting with administrative officer Sablan and also with deputy AG Tenorio.

"I'm just concerned about the procedure. I asked about off island voters, how they're being processed as the absentee requests are submitted," he said.

Manglona said he wants to make

"They're already been notified. They're actually calling us, asking us the dates of our election day and early voting. So we gave that information already," he said.

Sablan said tomorrow, Friday, is the last day of registration to vote and they're open at 7:30am and even lunch time, but will be closing at 4:30pm that day.

He said during previous Saturdays they were open, but because this Friday is the deadline to register, they're no longer open on Saturdays.

Sablan urged those who have not registered yet to come down as soon as possible before the Friday deadline.

"Re-register if you want your name to be changed or your address, your precinct," he added.

sure that the absentee ballots are timely sent out to the voters in the U.S. mainland, all over Hawaii and Guam.

"Because we want to make sure everybody gets the opportunity to vote because I think we know the importance of voting. You can make a difference. Everyone can make a difference. We ask everyone to come out and vote," Manglona said.

He said CEC should look for red flags in the application for absentee voting, but then at least send the absentee ballots right away to them and don't delay.

"I'm happy to hear the answers and hopefully we have a smooth election," Manglona said.

The Rota senator said DeLeon Guerrero raised points about CEC programming issues, but CEC is aware and they're working on some of the issues.

"And so overall, I think we're positive for fair elections coming up as they continue to do, transparency processing," Manglona added.

## BENTO

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work that they do. It's been a very busy several months of service that these guys have provided. We also thank the consul general for providing this... First of all I [was] very shocked but at the same time very grateful for [this].

Muñia alluded to the newly reopened United Airlines Narita-Saipan route, saying that it was a way of "being able to make sure that we can continue to connect, so this [donation] is just another way of connection between Saipan and

Japan, so *domo arigato*."

Takagaki then addressed those in attendance and said "today we would like to present our bento [to] express our appreciation and you protect people including our Japanese community here from COVID-19. So, please enjoy our bento."

Also in attendance for the bento donation were Consulate Office of Japan staff James Sakamoto and CHCC representatives from different departments.

The lunch bentos were donated by two Japanese-owned restaurants on the island, Himawari and the newly opened Tokyo Mart, both located in Garapan.



## Comment period for Marines relocation to Guam ends Oct. 13

ASAN, Guam—The public is invited to review and submit comments for a Programmatic Agreement memo in support of the Marine Corps relocation to the island; comment period ends Oct. 13.

PA Memos provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to participate in the Section 106 consultation process required under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The following PA memo provides new cultural and natural resources information associated with planned construction projects and is available on the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Cultural Information (CRI) webpage at <https://pacific.navy.mil/About-Us/Cultural-Resources-Information/Programmatic-Agreement-Memos-for-Public-Review/>. Please note the URL is case sensitive.

Project J-609 Apra Harbor Embarkation Operations Facility is for vertical construction of a proposed Embarkation Operations Facility for loading and unloading with horizontal installation of associated utilities and infrastructure improvements in the Apra Harbor area at U.S. Naval Base Guam. The proposed Embarkation Operations Facility includes a dispatch building, a cargo staging area, a USDA air condition inspection building with room for one (1) portable kennel, a bio-secure area, vehicle wash and inspection areas with an associated wash-water recycling system and wash-water desilting basin, and an electrical facility to support a backup generator for selected loads. In addition, the proposed project includes off-site road improvements to connect the Embarkation Operations Facility to Uniform Wharf in the north and Marine Corps Drive in the south. Other improvements include asphalt road widening of Harbor Drive between Marine Corps Drive and the U.S. Coast Guard compound entrance, constructing a new asphalt road from the U.S. Coast Guard compound entrance to Uniform Wharf and a new concrete bypass road adjacent to the Embarkation Operations Facility, concrete road reconstruction of the driveway from Harbor Drive to the Waterfront Headquarters, and installing new street lighting. Installation of associated utilities includes water, electricity, waste and stormwater connections to existing utility mains. Electrical utilities include switchgears and a transformer connecting to the existing underground primary lines along Harbor Drive. Fire and water utilities will include a looped water line connecting to existing water mains along Har-

bor and Sumay Drives. Sanitary sewer will include lines from the Embarkation Operations Building, the Dispatch Building, and

the inspection building to the existing gravity sewer main.

This is a 45-day public comment period and interested

members of the community may submit comments via email to [criwebcomment@navy.mil](mailto:criwebcomment@navy.mil).

Those without internet access may obtain a printed copy of this PA memo from the Guam Historic Resources Division,

located at 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, 96910 (in the Department of Parks and Recreation Office). (PR)

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16P446	2016	MAZDA3 SPORT	\$16,115	<b>\$17,995</b>
17P365	2017	HYUNDAI TUCSON SE	\$19,752	<b>\$17,995</b>
17P370	2017	TOYOTA COROLLA LE	\$20,726	<b>\$18,995</b>
8H054E	2019	HYUNDAI KONA SE	\$21,651	<b>\$18,995</b>
21D129A	2018	HYUNDAI KONA SE	\$20,789	<b>\$18,995</b>
14P466	2014	CHEVY CAMARO	\$19,995	<b>\$19,995</b>
16P424	2016	NISSAN MAXIMA	\$27,062	<b>\$19,995</b>
18P393	2018	NISSAN ROGUE SPORT	\$22,661	<b>\$19,995</b>
7P460	2007	TOYOTA TACOMA SR5 4WD	\$25,887	<b>\$19,995</b>
22M032A	2018	HONDA CIVIC EX	\$23,840	<b>\$21,995</b>
18HS947	2018	HONDA CIVIC EX	\$23,087	<b>\$21,995</b>

STOCK #	YEAR	MODEL	KBB	SALE PRICE
22M021A	2019	MAZDA6 GT SEDAN	\$29,936	<b>\$24,995</b>
20P413	2020	TOYOTA C-HR LE	\$27,407	<b>\$26,995</b>
<del>18R289</del>	<del>2018</del>	<del>FORD F-150 XLT</del>	<del>\$30,387</del>	<del><b>\$27,995</b></del>
18P452	2018	MAZDA MX5 CLUB CONVERTIBLE	\$30,257	<b>\$27,995</b>
<del>16P364</del>	<del>2016</del>	<del>TOYOTA 4RUNNER</del>	<del>\$35,198</del>	<del><b>\$29,995</b></del>
13P359	2013	TOYOTA FJ CRUISER SPORT	\$33,890	<b>\$29,995</b>
20H141E	2018	HYUNDAI GENESIS-G90	\$38,204	<b>\$34,995</b>
19P367	2019	HONDA RIDGELINE	\$47,459	<b>\$39,995</b>
10P447	2010	FORD RAPTOR	\$38,151	<b>\$39,995</b>
18P478	2018	FORD EXPLORER	\$41,387	<b>\$39,995</b>
21H096D	2021	HYUNDAI PALISADE LIMITED	\$45,870	<b>\$46,995</b>
19P455	2019	KIA STINGER GT2	\$45,870	<b>\$44,995</b>
<del>17P347</del>	<del>2017</del>	<del>JEEP WRANGLER</del>	<del>\$39,134</del>	<del><b>\$49,995</b></del>

**2018 MAZDA MAZDA6 SPORT**

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**2021 TOYOTA COROLLA LE**

SALE PRICE **\$24,995**

• KBB: \$25,509 • 20,000 MILES • STK: 21P425

**2017 TOYOTA TUNDRA TRD**

SALE PRICE **\$50,995**

• 40,385 MILES • STK: 22D029A

**2016 MAZDA CX-5 TOURING**

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# Surangel Supercenter with Toyota dealership opens doors

**TAMUNING, Guam**—The Surangel Supercenter, the location of the official Toyota dealership for Palau, celebrated its grand opening on Monday, Sept. 5, in Airai and is ready to serve.

Home to Ksau's Motors, the Surangel Supercenter retails Toyota models such as the Hilux pickup truck. The new Toyota showroom is designed to display up to four vehicles and offers a vehicle delivery suite for customers receiving their newly purchased car. There are over 120,000

square feet of retail space with 345,000 square feet of warehouse space on the center's site. The Toyota service department includes multiple service bays, paint spray booths and parts store.

Surangel and Sons Co. partnered with Atkins Kroll, Inc., Guam's Toyota distributor, in November of 2021. Present for the grand opening were Alex Hammett, Inchcape Managing Director for Asia Developing Markets, Tom Mazzei, Atkins Kroll Director of Sales, and Ernie Galito, Atkins Kroll



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Takenao Sato from Toyota Tsusho Corp. presents a commemorative plaque to Surangel & Sons Corp. for their appointment as the first Toyota dealership in the Republic of Palau. From left, Alex Hammett, Inchcape managing director for Asia Developing Markets; Takenao Sato from Toyota Tsusho Corp.; Eric Whipps, Surangel & Sons CEO; Mason Whipps, Surangel & Sons COO; Marilyn Whipps, mother of Eric and Mason; Ernie Galito, Atkins Kroll Business Development Director; and Tom Mazzei, Atkins Kroll Sales director.



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Surangel Whipps Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; and Alex Hammett, Inchcape managing director for Asia Developing Markets, in attendance during the Surangel Supercenter grand opening in Airai, Palau.

Director of Business Development. Takenao Sato from Toyota Tsusho Corporation was also in attendance. On behalf of the Toyota Tsusho Corporation, Sato congratulates the Whipps family on their 25-year journey to open the largest retail center in Micronesia.

"We at Atkins Kroll are extremely excited that the highly anticipated Surangel Supercenter has opened its doors. We congratulate the

Whipps family and all of Palau on this huge achievement and we are grateful for the expansion of Toyota that our partnership with Surangel and Sons has brought to fruition. It is our hope that customers experience the very best that Toyota has to offer in our new showroom and service department. This is history in the making and it is a true honor to witness and take part in it," said Hammett.

Airai residents can now enjoy many Surangel and Sons businesses located in Koror. The supercenter is a full-service department store offering a grocery store, hardware store, furniture store, beauty salon, travel agency, surf shop, food court and more.

Atkins Kroll, an Inchcape company, is the leading distributor of vehicles in Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Micronesia enabling it to provide a full range of products and services in the region. Atkins Kroll is Guam's oldest corporation established in 1914 and represents Toyota, Lexus, BMW, Chevrolet, Toyota Rent A Car, Avis, Budget and Payless Rental Brands, ACE Rent a Car, and AC Delco brands. In December 2021 Atkins Kroll acquired Morrico Equipment, one of Guam's largest heavy equipment dealerships representing Freightliner, Mercedes Benz, Hyundai Construction Equipment, Kohler Power Systems, Rosenbauer Fire Trucks and Thomas Built School Buses. Morrico Equipment operates new and used heavy equipment sales, rental, parts, diesel fuel delivery, Trashco Guam, and specialized diesel repair service to Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. **(PR)**



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: DPW22-ITB NO.: 42200155**

**SUBMISSION DATE: September 23, 2022 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"Construction of Sidewalk  
in Tanapag along Route 30"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

The project package will be available on or after **August 25, 2022** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division required for each set.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **September 09, 2022**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 14, 2022** to **Ms. Lorraine S. Villagomez, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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**/S/ MICHAEL A. BORJA**  
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ACTING DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT SERVICES



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ADDENDUM

**RFP22-CHCC/LABORATORY-024A**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 9TH, 2022 TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)**

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**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters- Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Tanapag Youth Center**  
**ITB22-GOV-42200151**

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth") on behalf of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA), is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon shutters at the DCCA Tanapag Youth Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **September 8, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950, starting between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of \$25.00 for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30.3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **September 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. ChST at the DCCA Tanapag Youth Center**. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at [ldiguerrero@omb.gov.mp](mailto:ldiguerrero@omb.gov.mp) no later than **September 28, 2022**. Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42200151 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters- DCCA Tanapag Youth Center**. One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 12, 2022**. Bidders outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 12, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to [bidintent@dof.gov.mp](mailto:bidintent@dof.gov.mp). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 12, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **October 20, 2021**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 21, 2022**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 12, 2022**.

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the **CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660"**. If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, **each equal to 100%** of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is **120 calendar days** upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be **\$100.00/day**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

**Patrick C. Guerrero**  
Governor's Authorized Representative

**Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director**  
CNMI Procurement Services



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**Northern Marianas Technical Institute  
Request for Proposals (RFP)**  
**EDA Grant No. 07-79-07543**  
**Northern Marianas Technical Institute Workforce Career Training Facility**  
**NMTI-2022/RFP-003**

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTech), located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting bids from qualified vendors that are interested in providing professional services for the design and construction management for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Workforce Career Training Facility.

The EDA funded project proposed is for an estimated 29,200 sq. ft. trades institute to house programs for Construction Trades, Culinary Arts, Automotive Technology, and Hotel/Restaurant Operations. The project aims to create a sustainable facility by adding on resiliency components. The project entails the construction of an approximately 29,200 square foot two story building providing administrative office spaces, restrooms, classrooms and floor spaces for its trades programs. The project also includes equipment, facility parking, entry/exit improvements to connect the project site to existing roadway(s), installation of back-up generator, water storage tank, and typhoon shutters for all its glass windows.

The Scope of Work is available beginning September 1, 2022, at the NMTech Procurement Office, located at Lower Base, Saipan. Requests may sent via email to [procurement@nmttechnmi.org](mailto:procurement@nmttechnmi.org).

All questions or inquiries regarding this RFP is due no later than 9:00 p.m., **September 12, 2022, by email only**. Responses to questions or inquiries will be provided on September 16, 2022.

Sealed proposals for this project shall be submitted with one (1) original and four (4) copies to the NMTech Procurement Officer located at the NMTI campus, Lowerbase, Saipan, MP-96950 no later than **4:00pm, local time, Chamorro Standard Time, 09/22/2022 and must be marked "Proposal - Northern Marianas Technical Institute Workforce Career Training Facility NMTI-2022/RFP-003."** Electronic submissions may be accepted if approved prior to the submission deadline.

Failure to follow the instructions regarding the submission of RFP Responses may result in the NMTech's choice to disqualify such bids.

**/s/ Jodina C. Attao**  
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### EDITORIAL

## How to stop so many of Putin's critics from dying

Quick, somebody repair the slippery floors and close all the open hospital windows in Moscow. One was obviously responsible for the freak-accident death of Ravi Maganov, the chairman of Russia's second-largest oil producer, Lukoil. Maganov must have tripped, perhaps on his IV line, before plummeting to his death on Thursday.

And quick, somebody also check all the apartment windows in Washington, where Dan Rapoport, a prominent critic of Vladimir Putin and an open supporter of jailed critic Alexei Navalny, fell out of his luxury apartment building on Aug. 14. But maybe it was suicide; a medical examiner's report is pending.

It's more than windows and floors that demand serious inspection. In and around Russia and the world, people who happen to have inconvenient positions or opinions are winding up dead from freak accidents or suicides or gunshot wounds that Russian officials insist were self-inflicted.

In January, Leonid Shulman, a former executive at state-owned gas giant Gazprom, was found dead in the bathroom of his cottage near St. Petersburg. Bathrooms have notoriously wet floors, perhaps requiring a new set of regulations to demand they are promptly dried following showers and shaves.

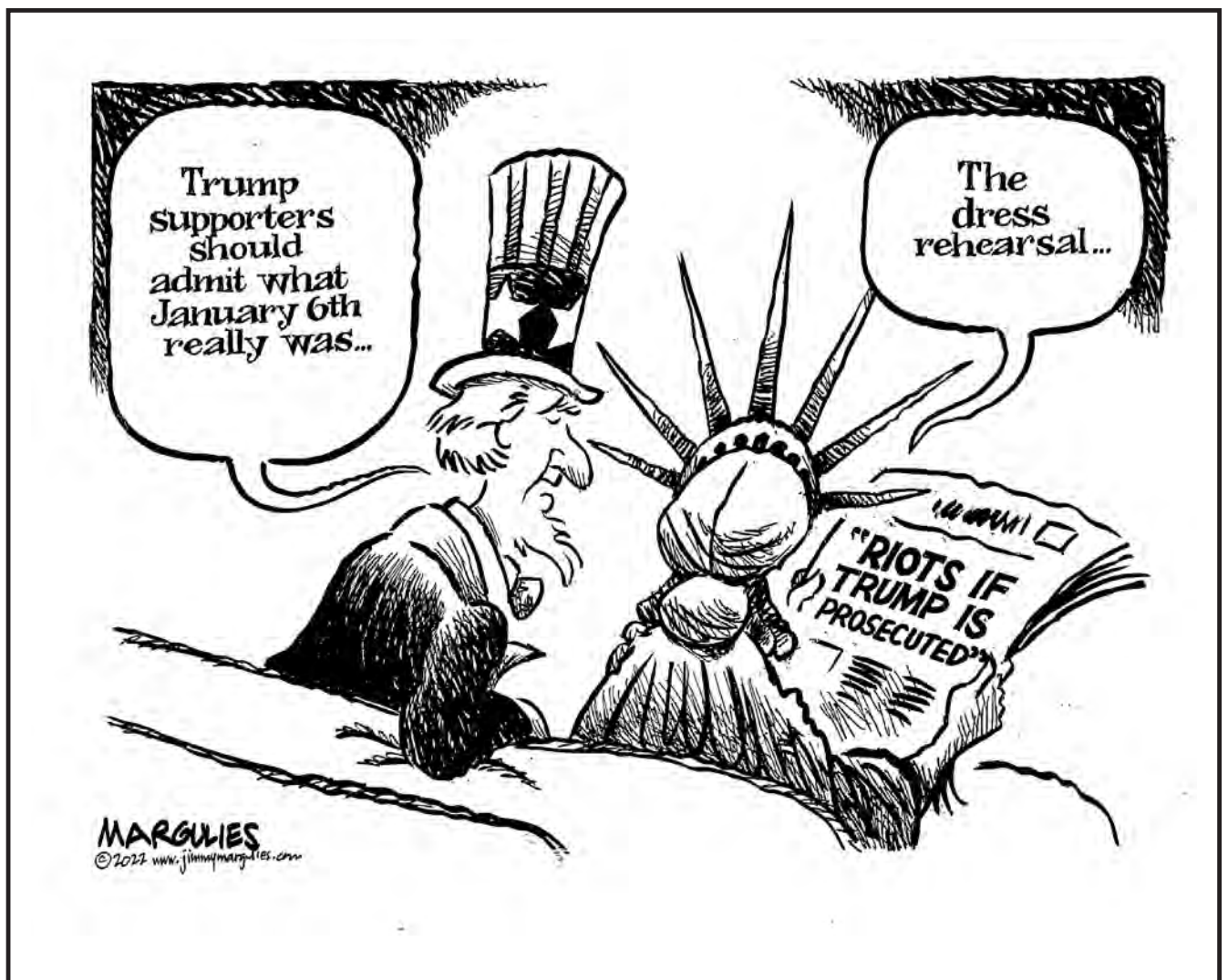
Russia could also use a blue-ribbon garage safety commission to look into the tragic death of gas executive Alexander Tyulakov in his St. Petersburg-area garage the day after the February invasion of Ukraine.

In April, former top natural gas executive Sergei Protosenya was found dead along with his wife and daughter in their villa in Spain, with officials saying he killed them before taking his own life.

In July, Yury Voronov, the CEO and founder of Astra-Shipping, which worked on Arctic contracts for Gazprom, was found dead in his pool and with a gunshot wound in his head. The gun was nearby.

Perhaps Russia's FSB, the KGB successor that does Putin's dirty work, can send mental health counselors to the homes of such individuals to reverse this contagious depression. But at the very least, someone needs to check all the floors. Usually the problem is the floors.

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## A bold idea for Liz Cheney

Desperate times call for desperate measures. Following her Republican primary defeat on Aug. 16, Rep. Liz Cheney referenced Lincoln's words while introducing the establishment of her new leadership PAC, called The Great Task. This great task that Cheney is undertaking is enormous and it will require innovative political tactics.

I propose thinking of the Great Task as a triangle, whose mission is to save our democracy. The three angles are all important on their own, but would yield the greatest benefit if they all work together. The first angle is as Cheney has already laid out: keeping Donald Trump from ever becoming president again. The second is the reminder to all Americans of our shared values and the significance of the freedoms we cherish. The third, and probably the most difficult to accomplish (perhaps even impossible), is addressing the disease ailing the Republican Party.

As a part of her concession speech, Cheney told the crowd gathered: "We must be very clear-eyed about the threat we face and about what is required to defeat it. I have said since January 6, that I will do whatever it takes to make sure Donald Trump is never again anywhere near the Oval Office." Cheney is not afraid to point out Trump's ongoing efforts to dismantle our democratic system as well as his constant attacks on the foundations and institutions of our republic. Much of that work may come from Cheney's role as vice chair of the Jan. 6 select committee.

Cheney remains committed to calling out the lies and conspiracies surrounding the 2020 election and has added that she plans to help defeat Republican election deniers during the upcoming midterms. Cheney understands that our elections are foundational to our freedoms and if we do not shutdown election deniers, the United States may never recover.

Cheney might have the most success with The Great Task by working from within the federal government. There is a way. But it is a long shot — a very long shot — on multiple fronts. If the Democrats manage to hold onto their majority in the House of Representatives in the midterms, they should nominate Cheney for speaker of the House. Not as a Democrat but as an independent. This action would be a bold signal that Democrats are more committed to saving our democracy than pushing through an agenda. Cheney has proven she can work as a bipartisan, good faith actor through her work on the Jan. 6 committee.

This unconventional plan would require an extraordinary amount of trust. Then again, our republic is facing an extraordinary crisis. The action would be the ultimate example of putting country over party. As a bonus, it might also help restore some

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level of trust in our institutions.

According to a recent NBC poll, registered voters in the United States say that the top issue on their minds is the threats facing our democracy. Twenty-one percent of voters ranked "threats to democracy" as the most critical matter facing the country, while 16% chose "cost of living." In third was "jobs and the economy," at 14%. The same poll also showed that 57% of voters believe that the investigations into Trump's alleged misconduct should continue.

The rise in democracy as a voting issue may be due to the televised Jan. 6 hearings. Perhaps they have primed the electorate and reminded us of what our republic stands for and how it works. Cheney seems to know how to use soaring rhetoric to keep this momentum going. Following her defeat, Cheney addressed the crowd with these words: "Let us resolve that we will stand together — Republicans, Democrats and independents — against those who would destroy our republic. They are angry and they are determined, but they have not seen anything like the power of Americans united in defense of our Constitution and committed to the cause of freedom. There is no greater power on this earth. And with God's help, we will prevail."

The ills that afflict the Republican Party run deep. There is no quick fix here — it will likely take multiple election cycles before we see a healthier GOP again. A GOP that is based on substance, principles and ideas, and not a cult of personality around one man. This will not be popular with Republican base voters or with Republican elected officials but is a necessary step in our two-party system. Cheney understands that one of the underlying causes of the disorder infecting the Republican Party is constant lies that voters are being fed. This illness, in my opinion, will be the most difficult part of the Great Task.

No matter how you define "great," Cheney's mission encompasses all of them. It may also be how we end up defining her.



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## How the scourge of originalism is taking over the Supreme Court

In 1987, the Senate resoundingly rejected the nomination of Judge Robert Bork for the Supreme Court because it found his originalist views unacceptable. As a law professor, Bork argued that the meaning of a constitutional provision is fixed when it is adopted and can be changed only by amendment.

Under this view, there would be no constitutional protection for abortion or other privacy rights, no protection for women or gays and lesbians from discrimination, and no right to freedom of speech except for political expression. Bork, who was impeccably qualified, was defeated by the largest margin of any Supreme Court nominee in history.

Senators from both parties voted against Bork because his originalist philosophy was seen as nonsensical and dangerous. It makes no sense to limit the Constitution's broad language to what was intended in the agrarian, slave society of 1787. Originalism was rightly regarded as a radical approach to constitutional law that would upend decades of precedents in a myriad of areas.

Now, though, originalism is in its ascendancy on the Supreme Court. In case after case in the last term, the conservative justices based their decisions on their cramped reading of American history. Under that erroneous analysis, they found no constitutional right to abortion, a broad constitutional right to have concealed weapons in public, a constitutional requirement for government to subsidize religious schools, and a constitutional right for high school coaches to lead prayers at school football games.

In expanding the scope of the Second Amendment and striking down New York's law limiting having concealed weapons in public, the court said, "Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual's conduct falls outside the Second Amendment's 'unqualified command.'" In other words, look to the law that existed in 1791 when the Second Amendment was adopted and perhaps to 1868 when the 14th Amendment was ratified.

In the ruling on prayers on a school football field, the court said that in determining the meaning of the Constitution's religion clauses, "the line that courts and governments must draw between the permissible and the impermissible" has to faithfully

reflect "the understanding of the Founding Fathers." In overruling *Roe v. Wade*, the court looked at abortion regulation beginning in England and the American colonies and stressed the absence of historical protection of abortion rights in the United States.

The world we live in is vastly different from 1787, when the Constitution was written, or 1791, when the Bill of Rights was adopted, or 1868, when the 14th Amendment was ratified.

Under originalism, *Brown v. Board of Education*, which ruled that public school segregation violated equal protection under the 14th Amendment, was wrongly decided because the Congress that ratified the 14th Amendment also voted to segregate the District of Columbia public schools and there was no indication that Congress meant to outlaw segregation. Under originalism, *Loving v. Virginia*, which declared state laws prohibiting interracial marriage unconstitutional, was wrongly decided because most states had such laws when the 14th Amendment was ratified. Under originalism, *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which protected a right to purchase and use contraceptives, was also wrongly decided.

Any theory that makes *Brown* and *Loving* and *Griswold* illegitimate is one that should be rejected. Moreover, the assumption of originalism is that there is an "original" meaning for constitutional provisions that can be discovered. The reality is that so many people were involved in drafting and ratifying constitutional provisions, and practices were sufficiently divergent, that it is a fiction to say that there is a clear answer from history that can resolve modern constitutional questions.

The result is that originalists pick and choose from the historical record to support the conclusion they want.

The conservatives on the court ignore originalism when it does not serve their purpose. In 2013, the court declared unconstitutional a crucial provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act that required states with a history of race discrimination in voting to get preapproval before making significant changes in their election systems. The court said that provision violated the principle of equal sovereignty among the states. But this cannot be historically justified since the Congress that ratified the 14th Amendment

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also created military rule over Southern states. Likewise, that 1868 Congress adopted many race-conscious programs, such as the Freedmen's Bureau, which today would be considered affirmative action. Yet there is very little doubt that the Supreme Court in the coming term will overrule decades of precedents allowing colleges and universities to engage in affirmative action.

The implications of a court committed to originalism are frightening. In overruling *Roe*, the conservative justices said that a right should be protected only if it is in the text of the Constitution or safeguarded by a long unbroken tradition. Adhering to this doctrine would put in jeopardy the right to marry, the right to procreate, the right to custody of one's children, the right to keep the family together, the right of parents to control the upbringing of their children, the right to purchase and use contraceptives, the right of consenting adults to engage in private consensual sexual activity, and the right of competent adults to refuse medical care. None of these rights can be justified under the court's rigid historical focus.

Chief Justice John Marshall wrote in 1819 that ours is "a Constitution intended to endure for ages to come, and consequently, to be adapted to the various crises of human affairs." The current court ignores this historical truth, and instead misuses history to support exactly the conservative results that it prefers.

Originalism was a destructive approach to constitutional interpretation in 1987, when Robert Bork was rejected for a seat on the Supreme Court. It is no more legitimate or desirable today.

## Reparations would acknowledge injustice

It's widely understood that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. evolved significantly on the issue of reparations during his short lifetime. Toward the start of his career, he was a moralist in his thinking, rather than the radical economic thinker he later became. In 2018, I befriended Dr. King's former barber, Nelson Malden, now in his late 80s, and wrote a book with him titled "The Colored Waiting Room" about Nelson's life and the American civil rights movement. Nelson relayed an interesting anecdote to me regarding a debate Dr. King had inside his barbershop with a sociology professor.

Nelson told me that King said to the professor, "Morality is one of the strongest forces in the American family." The professor disagreed with King and said, "I beg your pardon, sir, but I believe that economics is the strongest force in the American family." The professor went on to say, "When the Europeans came to this country, one of the first things they did was build the top universities in the New England area to educate themselves. When they got oranges in Florida, sugar cane in Louisiana, oil in Texas, grapes in California and tobacco in Virginia, they built Wall Street to control the capital, and then they built West Point to defend it." He ended by saying, "That is the United States of America."

Nelson reminded me that just before King was murdered, he began to speak out more publicly about economic injustice and inequality. He famously wrote: "No amount of gold could provide an adequate compensation for the exploitation and humiliation of the Negro in America down through the centuries. Not all the wealth of this affluent society could meet the bill. Yet a price can be placed on unpaid wages."

The more I think about it, particularly in today's post Breonna

Taylor and post George Floyd worlds, the more I come to the same conclusion. Reparations—that is to say, compensation today for historic injustice—would be a major step forward in correcting these enormous infringements on civil liberties.

Why aren't more people educating themselves on the idea of reparations to the African American descendants of slaves? We know the U.S. can afford it, since they spend trillions of dollars every few years to offer tax breaks and bailouts to billionaires and corporations. This country benefited significantly from the American slave trade. Those who enslaved people grew rich from free labor. They paid taxes, and those tax dollars were used to fund the construction of roads, bridges, towns and more. Building that infrastructure helped to grow and establish this place we call America. Our government is a co-conspirator in this matter, not just some passive onlooker who watched from the sideline.

And the old racist trope that tells us that some people who receive reparation payments would just "blow" the money on meaningless things has been shot to pieces. Economists have informed us that stimulus payments to Americans during the pandemic would "stimulate" the economy, and their advice won over members of both houses of Congress. So, the argument that reparation recipients would mismanage their money is not a valid argument.

Economic disparities in the Black community are a real problem, and reparation payments could help level the playing field, even bridge the gap in disparities in health, education, and access to capital for entrepreneurs and homeownership. Governments have made reparations payments before to specific groups who suffered enormous injustices. This is not new.

But reparations for me means more than just a check in my hand.

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Reparations for me means more than just a down payment on my children's education. Reparations for me means more than just a down payment on a home. Reparations for me means more than just an acknowledgment by America that atrocities were committed for hundreds of years on the same soil where we live today.

Reparations means that the life of my great-great-grandmother, Hana Washington, who was sexually assaulted in 1883 in Mississippi by a white man, is acknowledged. Reparations for me means that the life of my great-grandmother, Mary Washington, who was born into this world as a misbegotten child after a crime was committed against her 20-year-old mother, is acknowledged.

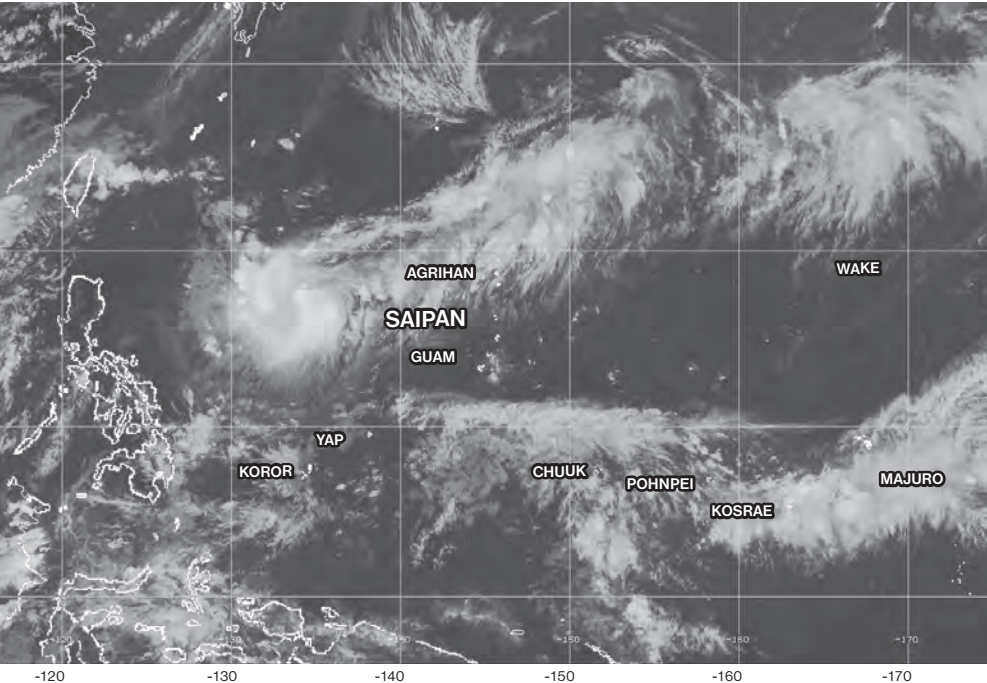
If history matters to white Southerners who cherish their Confederate flags and statues of treasonous generals who lost the Civil War, then the history of the injustices committed against Black people over centuries should matter just as much to the rest of America.

Reparations would show that it does.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny		Isolated showers. Mostly sunny		Mostly sunny		Mostly sunny		Mostly sunny	
88°	76°	88°	76°	88°	76°	88°	76°	88°	76°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 8:25 AM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet made up of a 2 foot trade-wind swell and 4 to 5 foot west-northwest swell from former Typhoon Hinnamnor.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 76°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 75°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83° / 78°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:21 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	3:31 AM	4:54 PM
Friday	-	4:36 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	-	5:36 AM	6:28 PM
Sunday	-	6:34 AM	7:09 PM
Monday	-	7:29 AM	7:49 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	60° / 46°	
Beijing	Sunny	94° / 64°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°	
London	Showers	68° / 58°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	98° / 74°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	92° / 78°	
Melbourne	Light Rain	63° / 53°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	90° / 78°	
New York	Showers	73° / 65°	
Osaka	Light Rain	87° / 75°	
Paris	Showers	72° / 59°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	82° / 69°	
Rome	Thunderstorms	84° / 73°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	87° / 68°	
San Francisco	Sunny	80° / 58°	
Seoul	Sunny	85° / 64°	
Tokyo	Showers	81° / 73°	
Washington, DC	Showers	76° / 66°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:40 AM	High Tide	1.94	
12:03 PM	Low Tide	-0.26	
7:09 PM	High Tide	2.00	
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1 via Guam	1,2,3, 4, 6, 7
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1 Guam	5 via Palau,
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
SAIPAN-NARITA				NARITA-SAIPAN			
UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5	UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS									
INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022									
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			TINIAN TO SAIPAN						
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY				
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)	7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)				
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.		10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.					
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)	4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)				
SAIPAN TO ROTA			ROTA TO SAIPAN						
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY				
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.		9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.					
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.		2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.					
SAIPAN TO GUAM			GUAM TO SAIPAN						
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY				
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.		12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.					
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.		6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.					

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.									
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022									
SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily	3101	9:30	10:00	Daily		
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun		
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri		
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily	3103	16:30	17:00	Daily		
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA					
LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY		
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily		
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily		
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily		
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily		
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily		
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily	2110	16:30	16:45	Daily		
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	2111	17:30	17:45	Daily		

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# Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Rents are starting to come down, but the trend may not hold

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Rents are starting to come down after spiking to record levels this past summer, but experts are uncertain if the slowdown will continue. Christopher Mayer, professor of real estate at Columbia Business School, said people looking for an apartment now might have a better experience than they did in May or June. "We're not seeing rents go up as quickly, the rental market is softening a little bit," he said. The national median asking rent was up 14% in July over July the previous year, the smallest annual increase since November 2021, according to a new report from Redfin. While that percentage is still high, it has decreased from 15% in June and 16% in May. Experts say the market could slow further toward the end of the year, but there's still a lot of uncertainty.

### Juul to pay nearly \$440M to settle states' teen vaping probe

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)**—Electronic cigarette maker Juul Labs has agreed to pay nearly \$440 million to settle a two-year investigation by 33 states into the marketing of its high-nicotine vaping products, which have long been blamed for sparking a national surge in teen vaping. Connecticut Attorney General William Tong announced the deal Tuesday on behalf of the states plus Puerto Rico, which joined together in 2020

to probe Juul's early promotions and claims about the benefits of its technology as a smoking alternative. The settlement, which includes numerous restrictions on how Juul can market its products, resolves one of the biggest legal threats facing the beleaguered company, which still faces nine separate lawsuits from other states.

### Bed Bath & Beyond names interim CFO, but struggles remain

Bed Bath & Beyond has named Chief Accounting Officer Laura Crossen as interim chief financial officer to replace Gustavo Arnal, whose death late last week adds to a cloud of financial uncertainty for the company and further complicates its plans for a turnaround. According to the New York City Police Department, police found the 52-year-old Arnal unconscious with injuries showing he fell from the 57-story Jenga residential tower in Manhattan. The medical examiner's office ruled Arnal's death a suicide, and police said an investigation was underway. The news of Arnal's death landed just days after Bed Bath & Beyond said that it would close about 150 of its namesake stores and slash its workforce by 20% as it tries to fix its beleaguered business. The company also said last week it was considering selling more of its stock to shore up its finances and had lined up more than \$500 million of new financing. *(AP)*

# Nation

## Los Angeles Unified School district hit by a cyberattack

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A ransomware attack targeting the huge Los Angeles school district prompted an unprecedented shutdown of its computer systems as schools increasingly find themselves vulnerable to cyber breaches at the start of a new year.

The attack on the Los Angeles Unified School District sounded alarms across the country, from urgent talks with the White House and the National Security Council after the first signs of ransomware were discovered late Saturday night to mandated password changes for 540,000 students and 70,000 district employees.

Though the attack used technology that encrypts data and won't unlock it unless a

ransom is paid, in this case the district's superintendent said no immediate demand for money was made and schools in the nation's second-largest district opened as scheduled on Tuesday.

Such attacks have become a growing threat to U.S. schools, with several high-profile incidents reported since last year as pandemic-forced reliance on technology increases the impact. And ransomware gangs have in the past planned major attacks on U.S. holiday weekends, when they know IT staffing will be thin and security experts relaxing.

While it was not immediately clear when the LA attack began—officials have only said when it was detected

and a district spokesperson declined to answer additional questions—Saturday night's discovery reached the highest levels of the federal government's cybersecurity agencies.

According to a senior administration official, this pattern of support was consistent with the Biden administration's efforts to provide maximum assistance to critical industries affected by such breaches.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the federal response, said the school district did not pay ransom, but would not get into detail on what potentially might have been stolen or damaged and what systems were affected by the breach.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### California weathers heat wave without rolling blackouts

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**—A brutal Western heat wave brought California to the verge of ordering rolling blackouts but the state's electrical grid managed to handle record-breaking demand. The state's 39 million people were warned Tuesday that demand—some of it from people cranking up the air conditioning—might outstrip supply as temperatures in many areas soared past 100

degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius). The California Independent System Operator (CAISO), which oversees the electrical grid, issued a Stage 3 emergency power alert—one step below ordering utilities to start rotating outages to ease the strain on the system. The move allowed it to draw on emergency power sources. Demand swelled in the late afternoon and into the evening, with everyone from Gov. Gavin Newsom to the state's legal marijuana business control agency urging

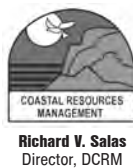
people to turn off lights and reduce power or use backup generators. CAISO said the peak electricity demand on Tuesday hit 52,061 megawatts, far above the previous high of 50,270 megawatts set on July 24, 2006.

### Fat Leonard's escape as stunning as his Navy bribery case

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Three weeks before he faced sentencing, the Malaysian defense contractor at the center of one of the biggest bribery investigations in U.S. military history made an escape as stunning and brazen as the case itself: U-Haul trucks were seen at his home in a tony San Diego neighborhood before Leonard Glenn Francis, known as "Fat Leonard," snipped off his ankle monitor and disappeared. Nearly a dozen U.S. law enforcement agencies were searching for Francis on Tuesday. But officials acknowledged he may already be in Mexico, and possibly on his way back to Asia. Four years ago, U.S. District Court Judge Janis Sammartino feared Francis might run off when she turned down his lawyer's request to allow him to be under house arrest without round-the-clock security guards watching the ailing defense contractor. At the time, Francis was cooperating with prosecutors as they pursued charges against dozens of Navy officials who accepted bribes in exchange for classified information that gave Francis' ship servicing business in Asia an edge in getting military contracts.



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The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the following project:

**CRM Major Siting Application No. SMS-2022-056** – Atkins Kroll Saipan, Inc. is proposing to construct its new headquarters building and a Toyota-Lexus Dealership facility in Puerto Rico, Saipan. The project is situated on Lot No. E.A. 896-R2, measuring a total area of about 15,000 square meters, more or less, which borders with Route 30, Chalan Pale Arnold to the northwest, the U.S. Army Reserve complex, a vacant parcel to the northeast, the ANAKS Ocean View Condominiums to the east, and the Marianas Heights commercial buildings on the south side of the property. The project includes auto dealership area and parking, auto parts and services, sales offices, storage and working areas, conference rooms, vehicle showrooms, lounge areas, breakrooms, and restrooms. A large customer parking area will be provided with ADA compliant parking stalls, drive pathways, retaining walls, site illumination and site security networks, pedestrian pathways, and vegetative decors.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 5:00PM**, at the **DCRM Learning Center 3rd Floor, Suite 301, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.**

To maintain the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/6706648315>. Our Zoom meeting access code may change, please call the DCRM Permitting Office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance at least one-day prior to the public hearing date.

If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Permitting Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315, or by email at [ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:ssablan@dcrm.gov.mp). The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project. Please contact Ms. Sam Sablan at the DCRM Permitting Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the AK Toyota Saipan Dealership Facility Project.

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The Marianas  
Visitors Authority

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Monday, September 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **MVA Conference Room.**

## MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Preliminary Matters**
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
    - i. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2022
    - ii. Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2022
- 2) **Public Comments**
- 3) **Committee Reports**
  - a. Finance Committee
    - i. Fund Status
  - b. Tourism Resumption Investment Plan (TRIP)
    - i. Korea
    - ii. Japan
    - iii. Grant Program
  - c. Personnel
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a. Rota Mayor Office Memorandum of Understanding – Mt. Sabana 360 view lookout
  - b. MVA - Global Branding
- 5) **New Business**
  - a. Christmas in the Marianas
    - i. Christmas Illumination ITB
    - b. World Tourism Day
- 6) **Executive Session**
- 7) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- 8) **Adjournment**

/s/Viola Alepuyo  
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors



# Asia

## In flood-stricken Pakistan, rains risk damaging archeological site



AP  
Women carry belongings salvaged from their flooded home after monsoon rains, in the Qambar Shahdadt district of Sindh Province, of Pakistan, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—In flood-stricken Pakistan where an unprecedented monsoon season has killed hundreds of people, the rains now threaten a famed archeological site dating back 4,500 years, the site's chief official said Tuesday.

The ruins of Mohenjo Daro—located in southern Sindh province near the Indus River and a UNESCO World Heritage Site—are considered among the best preserved urban settlements in South Asia. They were discovered in 1922 and to this day, mystery surrounds the disappearance of its civilization, which coincided with those of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia.

The swelling waters of the Indus, a major river in this part of the world, have wreaked havoc as heavy rains and massive flooding unleashed devastation across much of Pakistan. At least 1,343 people

have been killed and millions have lost their homes in the surging waters, with many experts blaming the unusually heavy monsoon rains on climate change.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he is flying to Pakistan on Wednesday to express solidarity with its people and “to appeal for the massive support of the international community to the Pakistanis, in this hour of need after the devastating floods that we are witnessing.” He said the floods are a result of climate change that is “supercharging the destruction of our planet,” warning: “Today it is Pakistan. Tomorrow it can be anywhere else.”

The flooding has not directly hit Mohenjo Daro but the record-breaking rains have inflicted damage on the ruins of the ancient city, said Ahsan Abbasi, the site's curator.

“Several big walls, which were built nearly 5,000 years ago, have collapsed because of the monsoon rains,” Abbasi told The Associated Press.

He said dozens of construction workers under the supervision of archaeologists have started the repair work. Abbasi did not give an estimated cost of the damages at Mohenjo Daro.

The site's landmark “Buddhist stupa”—a large hemispherical structure associated with worship, meditation and burial—remains intact, Abbasi said. But the downpour has damaged some outer walls and also some larger walls separating individual rooms or chambers.

Abbasi said the civilization at Mohenjo Daro, also known as “Mound of the Dead” in the local Sindhi language, built an elaborate drainage system, which has been critical in flooding in the past.

## Japan military opens probe after sex harassment complaints

**TOKYO** (AP)—Japan's defense minister said Tuesday he has ordered a ministry-wide special investigation into growing reports of sexual assault after allegations of harassment were brought by a former soldier.

Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada's order came after a female former soldier, Rina Gono, came forward in late August to request a reinvestigation of an alleged assault of her by former male colleagues last year. She also said she had received information from 146 servicemembers who said they had been harassed while on duty.

Hamada said the number of reported harassment cases has increased sharply in recent years despite efforts by the ministry to prevent them, and that it is time for a thorough

review of the problem.

“Harassment is a violation of basic human rights. It also shakes troop morale and absolutely should not happen,” Hamada said.

Hamada said the number of complaints of sexual, power and other forms of harassment has risen from 256 in 2016 to 2,311 last year.

In a country where gender inequality remains high, sexual harassment is often disregarded and the #MeToo movement has been slow to catch on. But Japanese women have started to speak up, including some recently in the film industry.

Last week, Gono submitted a petition to the Defense Ministry signed by more than 100,000 people seeking a reinvestigation of her case by a

third party.

She said three senior male colleagues in a dorm at a training ground in August 2021 pressed the lower part of their bodies against her, forcing her to spread her legs, as more than 10 other male colleagues watched and laughed, but none tried to stop them. She said in a statement that she filed a case with the ministry, but that the investigation was not properly conducted and local prosecutors dropped the case in May. A month later she quit the army and disclosed her allegations on social media.

Gono said she felt her case had been quashed and she had to raise her voice because there could be more victims if she didn't.

The ministry has begun a reinvestigation of the case.

# World

## ‘At least \$1 billion needed to avert famine in Somalia’

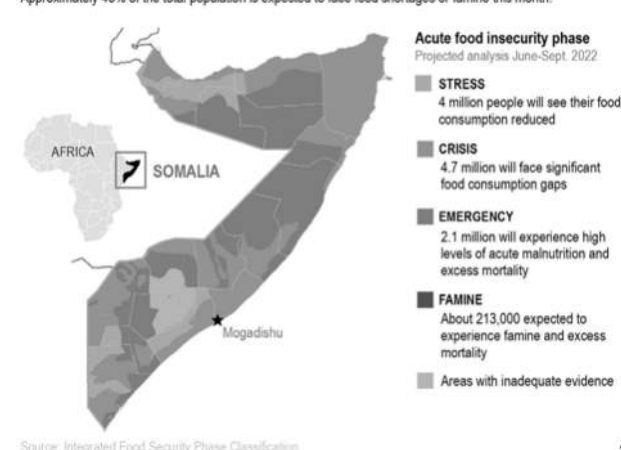
**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—The U.N. humanitarian chief predicted Tuesday that at least \$1 billion will be needed urgently to avert famine in Somalia in the coming months and early next year when two more dry seasons are expected to compound the historic drought that has hit the Horn of Africa nation.

Martin Griffiths said in a video briefing from Somalia's capital Mogadishu that a new report from an authoritative panel of independent experts says there will be a famine in Somalia between October and December “if we don't manage to stave it off and avoid it as had been the case in 2016 and 2017.”

The undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs told U.N. correspondents that more than \$1 billion in new funds is needed in addition to the U.N. appeal of about \$1.4 billion. That appeal has been “very well-funded,” he said,

### Deadly famine threatens Somalia

Approximately 45% of the total population is expected to face food shortages or famine this month.



thanks to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which announced a \$476 million donation of humanitarian and development aid in July.

The Famine Early Warning Systems Network, created by USAID, said in a report Monday that famine is projected to emerge later this year in three areas in Somalia's southeastern Bay re-

gion, including Baidoa without urgent humanitarian aid.

Up to 7.1 million people across Somalia need urgent assistance to treat and prevent acute malnutrition and reduce the number of ongoing hunger-related deaths, according to a recent analysis by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification or IPC, used by the network to describe the severity of food insecurity.

## Fears high as Canadian police search for stabbing suspect

**JAMES SMITH CREE FIRST NATION, Saskatchewan** (AP)—Fears ran high Tuesday on an Indigenous reserve in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan after police warned that the suspect in a deadly stabbing rampage over the weekend might be nearby and officers surrounded a house with guns drawn.

Police later sent out an alert that it was a false alarm and they had determined the suspect was not in the community but people remained nervous with his whereabouts unknown and a province-wide alert still in effect.

People on the James Smith

Cree First Nation reserve were earlier told to stay inside. An Associated Press reporter saw people running and screaming as police shut down roads.

The fugitive's brother and fellow suspect, Damien Sanderson was found dead Monday near the stabbing sites. Police are investigating whether Myles Sanderson killed his brother. The brothers are accused of killing 10 people and wounding 18.

Leaders of the James Smith Cree Nation, where most of the stabbing attacks took place, blamed the killings on drug and alcohol abuse plaguing the commu-

nity, which they said was a legacy of the colonization of Indigenous people.

James Smith Cree Nation resident Darryl Burns and his brother, Ivor Wayne Burns, said their sister, Gloria Lydia Burns, was a first responder who was killed while responding to a call. Burns said his 62-year-old sister was on a crisis response team.

“She went on a call to a house and she got caught up in the violence,” he said. “She was there to help. She was a hero.”

He blamed drugs and pointed to colonization for the rampant drug and alcohol use on reserves.

## UN agency calls for safety zone around Ukraine nuclear plant

**KYIV, Ukraine** (AP)—The U.N. atomic watchdog agency urged Russia and Ukraine on Tuesday to establish a “nuclear safety and security protection zone” around the Zaporizhzhia power plant amid mounting fears the fighting could trigger a catastrophe in a country still scarred by the Chernobyl disaster.

“We are playing with fire, and something very, very catastrophic could take place,” Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, warned the U.N. Security Council, days after leading an inspection

visit to the plant.

In a detailed report on its visit, the IAEA said shelling around the Europe's largest nuclear power plant should stop immediately. “This requires agreement by all relevant parties to the establishment of a nuclear safety and security protection zone” around the plant, it said.

At the Security Council meeting, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres likewise demanded that Russian and Ukrainian forces commit to halting all military activity around the plant and agree on a “demilitarized perimeter.”

Guterres said this would include “a commitment by Russian forces to withdraw all military personnel and equipment from that perimeter and a commitment by Ukrainian forces not to move into it.”

Asked by reporters about establishing a demilitarized zone, Russia's U.N. ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia, said the proposal “is not serious.”

“The Ukrainians will immediately step in and ruin the whole thing. We're defending, we're protecting the station,” he said. “In fact, it is not militarized. There is no equipment at the station.”



# Environment

## East Med especially at risk as world heats up, report warns

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)**—The eastern Mediterranean and Middle East are warming almost twice as fast as the global average, with temperatures projected to rise up to 5 degrees Celsius (9 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century if no action is taken to reverse the trend, a new report says.

The region will experience “unprecedented” heat waves, more severe and longer-lasting droughts and dust storms and rainfall shortages that will “compromise water and food security” for the region’s 400 million people, according to a summary of the report released Tuesday.

The eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East are more susceptible to warming trends because of their unique natural characteristics, like large desert expanses and lower water levels, the study said.

The report was prepared by an international group of scientists overseen by The Cyprus Institute’s Climate and Atmosphere Research Center and the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry. Originally published in June in the journal *Reviews of Geophysics*, it aims to underscore the impact of climate change in the region ahead of the United Nations



AP  
Hajji Wali Jan, 66, carries plastic containers for water on his way to his house during a drought in Kamar Kalagh village outside Herat, Afghanistan, Nov. 26, 2021.

climate summit in Egypt this November.

Arid climate zones will expand northward and snow-capped mountains in more northern climes will diminish during this century, said Dr. George Zittis, who co-authored the report. Although the sea level in the region is projected

to rise at a pace similar with other global estimates, many Mediterranean countries are unprepared to deal with it, he said.

“This would imply severe challenges for coastal infrastructure and agriculture and can lead to the salinization of coastal aquifers” warned Zittis. Saltier water from rising sea lev-

els and low rainfall can severely damage crops and fisheries.

The region’s most vulnerable groups, including the elderly, children and pregnant people, will face major health challenges, said Max Planck Institute Director Jos Lelieveld, who was part of the study. Many European na-

tions already have initiatives to aid vulnerable people in extreme weather.

The region is rapidly over-

taking the European Union as a source of greenhouse gases and becoming a major emitter on a global scale, the paper suggests. China, the U.S., India and the E.U. are currently the world’s largest emitters. Several Mediterranean countries are also part of the European bloc.

If the Paris Agreement target of limiting warming to 1.5C (2.7F) is met, it would limit the temperature increase in the region to about 2C (3.6F), the study said. The report urged the region to quickly reduce its reliance on greenhouse gas emissions, especially in the energy and transportation sectors.

The study’s projections for the region are in line with other scientific studies, including a major report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change earlier this year. The U.N.’s climate report termed the Mediterranean as a climate change “hotspot” which is vulnerable to droughts, coastal erosion and heat waves.

## 3 rescued dolphins swim free from Indonesia sanctuary

**TOKYO (AP)**—Three bottle-nose dolphins were released into the open sea in Indonesia Saturday after years of being confined for the amusement of tourists who would touch and swim with them.

As red and white Indonesian flags fluttered, underwater gates opened off the island of Bali to allow Johnny, Rocky and Rambo to swim free.

The trio were rescued three years ago from their tiny pool in a resort hotel to which they had been sold after spending years performing in a traveling circus.

They regained their health and strength at the Bali sanctuary, a floating pen in a bay that provided a gentler, more natural environment.

Lincoln O’Barry, who worked with the Indonesian government to set up the Umah Lumba Rehabilitation, Release and Retirement Center, said dolphins are wild animals that should live free.

“It was an incredibly emotional experience to see them go,” O’Barry said.

The center was initiated in 2019 by the Bali Forestry Department and the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry. “Umah lumba” means “dolphin” in Indonesian.

For some time after the



AP  
In this photo released by DolphinProject.com, Rocky with GPS tag attached swims at the Umah Lumba Rehabilitation, Release and Retirement Center in Banyuwedang Bay, West Bali, Indonesia Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022.

gates opened, the dolphins looked at the opening, uncertain of their next move. But after about an hour, they were on their way, sometimes jumping over choppy waves.

The Associated Press watched their release through an online livestream. O’Barry is documenting the release with drones and underwater footage for a film.

The Indonesian government supported the dolphins’ rescue, working with Dolphin Project, founded by Lincoln’s father Ric O’Barry, who was also at the release.

Ric O’Barry had been the

dolphin trainer for the 1960s TV show “Flipper,” but later came to see the toll exacted on the animals. He has since devoted his life to returning dolphins to the wild.

Center workers clapped as the dolphins swam out. Wahyu Lestari, rehabilitation coordinator at the center, said she was a bit sad to see them go.

“I’m happy they are free, and they are going back to their family,” she said. “They should be in the wild because they are born in the wild.”

The freed dolphins will be monitored out at sea with GPS tracking for a year. They can

return for visits to the sanctuary, although it’s unclear what they will do. They may join another pod, stay together, or go their separate ways.

Dolphins in captivity are carted from town to town, kept in chlorinated water, held in isolation or forced to interact with tourists, often leading to injuries.

Johnny, the oldest dolphin, had teeth that were worn down to below the gum line when he was rescued in 2019. Earlier this year, dentists provided him with dolphin-style dental crowns so that he can now clamp down on live fish.

Johnny was the first of the three dolphins to swim out to sea.

Ric and Lincoln O’Barry have spent half a century working on saving dolphins from captivity in locations from Brazil to South Korea and the U.S. Saturday’s release was their first in Indonesia.

The Indonesian government’s decision to rescue the dolphins followed a decade-long public education campaign that included billboards, artwork, school programs and a drive asking people not to buy tickets to dolphin shows.

A government minister was at hand to raise the gate at the sanctuary Saturday.

## African nations urged to pile on pressure at climate summit

**MOMBASA, Kenya**

(AP)—The former Irish President has called on African nations to pile on the pressure on rich, heavily-polluting countries to fulfill their climate pledges to the continent during a visit to Uganda.

Mary Robinson, who is also chair of the Elders group of global leaders who advocate for peace and justice, told The Associated Press on Monday that the Group of 20 “must come up with new plans” to support Africa with its climate change efforts at the upcoming United Nations climate conference in November, known as COP27.

On Monday, European nations pledged a further \$25 billion to the continent to help countries adapt to the effects of climate change. The continent has suffered in an ongoing devastating drought in the east, with flooding and cyclones severely damaging southern countries.

Robinson said that the Elders “feel very strongly that we need COP27 to succeed” and encouraged African leaders “to create political pressure” so that developed countries can fulfill their promises.

Rich countries have so far failed to keep a \$100-billion-a-year pledge to poorer na-

tions to help them adapt to the effects of climate change and transition to greener energy sources. Developed nations are larger emitters than poorer ones, with the African continent contributing just 3% to 4% of global emissions despite being 17% of the global population.

“We do not want to have a situation where promises that are not fulfilled undermine further the existing trust,” Robinson said. She added that developed countries should “give more to get clean energy, technology and investments towards African countries.”

Robinson is in Uganda for her second visit to the continent this year and is promoting renewable energy initiatives in schools alongside youth climate activist Vanessa Nakate.

Robinson noted that COP27, which will be held in the Egyptian seaside resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, will be regarded as an “African COP.”

She added: “It will be more an African COP if there are more voices from Africa and the developing world making this as inclusive as possible” and highlighted the importance of younger and more diverse voices.



# Life & Style

## Gulf Arab nations ask Netflix to remove 'offensive' videos

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—Gulf Arab countries on Tuesday asked Netflix to remove “offensive content” on the streaming service, apparently targeting programs that show people who are gay and lesbian.

A joint statement issued on behalf of a committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council made the request, saying the unspecified programs “contradict Islamic and societal values and principles.”

Saudi Arabia and the

United Arab Emirates each published the statement via their respective governments as well. They, along with Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar, make up the six-nation council.

While the statement didn't

elaborate, Saudi state television also aired video of an interview it conducted with a woman identified as a “behavioral consultant” who described Netflix as being an “official sponsor of homosexuality.” It aired footage at the same time of a cartoon, “Jurassic World: Camp Cretaceous,” in which two women kissed, though the footage was blurred out.

Saudi state television also aired a segment suggesting Netflix could be banned in the kingdom over that programming reaching children.

Netflix, based in Los Gatos, California, did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

The move comes after countries in the Muslim world in June banned the public

showing of Disney's latest animated film “Lightyear” over a brief moment showing two lesbian characters kissing. After that, the company's Disney+ streaming service said its “content available should align with local regulatory requirements” in Gulf Arab countries.

Many Muslims consider gays and lesbians to be sinful. In some parts of the Arab world, members of the LG-BTQ community have been arrested and sentenced to prison. Some countries even maintain the death penalty.

The move also comes as regional streaming services try to eat into Netflix's revenue, including the Shahid service operated by the Saudi-owned MBC Group. The Saudi government is believed

to hold a controlling stake in MBC Group after a series of arrests in 2017 ordered by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman over corruption allegations that saw him centralize power in the kingdom.

Netflix has limited content previously in Saudi Arabia.

In 2019, activists blasted the streaming service for pulling an episode of comedian Hasan Minhaj's “Patriot Act” that criticized Prince Mohammed over the killing and dismemberment of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi, as well as the kingdom's involvement in the war in Yemen.

Netflix at the time said the episode was removed from the kingdom as a result of a legal request from authorities and not due to its content.

## Harry Styles evolves from heartthrob to fashion icon

By **NARDOS HAILE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry Styles will never be just a singer-songwriter, he's now an actor and a fashion powerhouse as well.

The former member of British pop boy band “One Direction” has shed his musician's skin for the male lead role alongside Oscar nominee Florence Pugh in the highly anticipated dystopian thriller film “Don't Worry Darling,” directed by Olivia Wilde.

The film had its buzzy world premiere at the Venice International Film Festival on Monday, taking the internet and the world by storm with behind-the-scenes controversies and most of all, fashion.

Styles arrived on the Venice carpet dripping in a navy blue Gucci suit with bold broad shoulders and a very peaked collar, Sarah Karmali, executive editor (digital) at Harper's Bazaar, described to The Associated Press.

Laura Jordan, fashion & lifestyle features director at Grazia magazine, said Styles' partnership with his stylist Harry Lambert has created “absolute magic.”

“(Styles' fashion) always got this kind of retro bit camp vibe. He loves the big collar, the tinted shades, lots and lots



Harry Styles poses for photographers upon arrival for the photo call of the film 'Don't Worry Darling' during the 79th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Monday, Sept. 5, 2022.

of Gucci,” Jordan said.

In 2018, Styles began to build his personal style and brand by becoming one of the ambassadors for the Italian fashion house Gucci. Styles

has worn the brand in several editorial campaigns but more noteworthy was the dress he sported for the November 2020 Vogue cover. The musician-actor was the fashion magazine's first solo male cover star.

The highly talked about cover depicted Styles in an open green field under clear skies and dressed in Gucci's Alessandro Michele-designed blue dress that was lined with black lace for a pop of contrast, multiple ruffled tiers and to top it all off—a classic black blazer.

Since his transition from member of a boy band to a solo artist with multiple best-selling albums, he has become synonymous with a flamboyant signature look—a colorful array of oversized 70s-inspired three-piece suits and jumpsuits with flared bellbottoms and an occasional feather boa, mimicking the likes of Elton John.

Each outfit for his “Love On Tour 2022,” which currently includes an impressive 15-day residency at New York's Madison Square Garden, sparks a pattern—literally.

Exclusively dressed in Gucci every night, Styles has worn a different pattern-filled two-piece jumpsuit ranging from stripes to dots, all in different colors like bright hues of red, pink, blue and yellow.

## US authors Strout, Everett among Booker Prize finalists

**LONDON (AP)**—American authors Elizabeth Strout and Percival Everett are up against writers from Britain, Ireland, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka as finalists for the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction.

Strout's symphony of everyday lives “Oh William!” and Everett's powerful novel about racism and police violence, “The Trees,” are on a shortlist announced Tuesday for the 50,000 pound (\$58,000) prize.

The other contenders include Zimbabwe's NoViolet Bulawayo, for animal fable “Glory”; Irish writer Claire Keegan's “Small

Things Like These”; and “The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida” by Sri Lanka's Shehan Karunatilaka.

British fantasy author Alan Garner—the oldest-ever Booker nominee at 87—is on the list for “Treacle Walker.”

Former British Museum director Neil MacGregor, who is chairing the judging panel, said several of the books are inspired by real events and “address long national histories of cruelty and injustice, in Sri Lanka and Ireland, Zimbabwe and the United States.”

“Set in different places

at different times, they are all about events that in some measure happen everywhere, and concern us all,” he said of the shortlist.

Founded in 1969, the Booker Prize has a reputation for transforming writers' careers and was originally open only to British, Irish and Commonwealth writers. Eligibility was expanded in 2014 to all novels in English published in the U.K.

Last year's winner was “The Promise,” by South Africa's Damon Galgut.

The winner will be crowned Oct. 17 at a ceremony in London.

## Man fumes when longtime girlfriend redecorates

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been with my boyfriend for nine years. Over the last three months or so we have been fighting. It started when I bought a cabinet for our bathroom. When he came home, he threw a hissy fit about it. He told me he didn't like it and kept yelling at me “'cause I didn't ask his opinion first.” Then he proceeded to tell me if I want to make changes to get my own house. During another fight the other day, he told me if I “need a new address” he would help me move.

I love him, but the things he says really hurt me. I don't feel the same love for him that I did before. I'm so ready to be on my own. I was controlled for 24 years by my ex-husband. I don't want to be controlled anymore. My boyfriend seems to want things his way or no way at all. I definitely could use your advice on this situation.

**CONTROLLED AGAIN IN OHIO**

**DEAR CONTROLLED:** In a premarital relationship, there is the concept of “mine” and “yours.” When people marry, it changes to “us” and “ours.” When your boyfriend of nine years pointed out that you are living in “his” house and you should have consulted him before trying to make changes, his point was valid. In his mind, your relationship hasn't progressed to the next stage.

If you are sincere about being ready to be on your own again, then that is what you should do, because the inten-

sity of this romance appears to be waning on both your parts. However, whatever you decide, **DO NOTHING IN ANGER.** Talk this out if it's possible. If you do, it may save your relationship. However, if that's not possible, you will be able to move on with fewer regrets.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have two grown daughters I love very much. Although I have a great relationship with the younger one, my relationship with my older daughter has always been more work. We don't argue, but she's much less connected to me. She lives in Chicago; I'm in Texas. She never calls or texts unless she needs money or air miles. If I text her, she often doesn't respond. She also forgets my birthday and Mother's Day.

I just learned she came to town, stayed with my parents for a week and didn't tell me she was coming. How do I react? Should I tell her how hurt I am, continue as though nothing has happened or start treating her the way she treats me? When I have tried to talk to her in the past, it seemed to make things worse. I can't imagine cutting her out of my life, but I am tired of this one-way relationship.

**HEARTBROKEN MOM**

**DEAR HEARTBROKEN:** By avoiding you and not communicating directly, your daughter is sending you a strong message. You do not have to cut her out of your

## DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**life because it appears she has pretty much cut you out of hers. This sorry situation won't be fixed unless the two of you can have a meaningful dialogue without her—or you—becoming defensive. If your parents understand what the problem is, perhaps they can explain it to you. However, if they can't give you some insight, then for your own sake, concentrate on the daughter who behaves like one.**

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*Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*







# Garcia, 28, tops Gauff, 18, at US Open for 1st Slam semi



**NEW YORK**

(AP)—Caroline Garcia knows how it can feel to be a teen in tennis getting a ton of attention and outsized expectations, the way Coco Gauff does now.

One big difference: Garcia, now 28, became an overnight sensation more than a decade ago thanks to one particularly noteworthy performance on a big stage — and long before she achieved the sorts of things Gauff has at 18.

On Tuesday night at the U.S. Open, Garcia took charge and never really let Gauff — or the crowd — get fully involved. From the get-go, Garcia played high-stakes tennis and put strokes where she wanted, sometimes right at Gauff's feet, sometimes well out of reach, and reached the first Grand Slam semifinal of her career with a 6-3, 6-4 victory at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"It kind of got away from me," said the 12th-seeded Gauff, an American who reached the French Open final in June. "It was all her. ... I was striking the ball really clean. You're playing someone, off the bat, they're standing on top of the baseline and ripping balls. It's not easy."

Garcia, who is from France, hasn't ceded a set at Flushing Meadows so far this year and stretched her winning streak to 13 matches overall, solidifying her status as someone playing as well as anyone in women's tennis at the moment.

"The path is very clear right now," Garcia said. "Which direction I have to go, under stress, under pressure. I'm just trying to follow this path."

Back in 2011, still just 17 and ranked 188th, playing in only her second tour-level event, Garcia led Maria Sharapova — who had won three of her five Grand Slam titles by then — 6-3, 4-1 in the second round at Roland Garros. Sharapova wound up taking the last 11 games to win, but Garcia was suddenly on the map.

Sharapova praised her as someone "on her way way up, definitely," and Andy Murray wrote on Twitter that day: "Girl sharapova is playing is going to be No. 1 in world one day caroline garcia, what a player u heard it here 1st."

Asked recently about that, Garcia laughed and said she's never talked to Murray about it.

"I was very surprised because, in the end, I still lost the match. But it was a fun-



Caroline Garcia, of France, celebrates after defeating Coco Gauff, of the United States, during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, in New York.

ny moment. ... I was pretty much nobody at the time. I'm not going to complain about it, but I was definitely not ready. More importantly, my game was not ready for it," Garcia said. "I was not able to (play) the same, match after match or week after week. I was trying to manage the pressure that came from it."

She did get to No. 4 in the rankings in 2018, but finished last season ranked 74th. Now she is projected to rise into the top 10 next week and will face Wimbledon runner-up Ons Jabeur of Tunisia on Thursday with a berth in the U.S. Open final at stake.

Jabeur advanced to her first semifinal in New York with a 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory over the player who beat Serena Williams in the third round, Ajla Tomljanovic.

In the men's quarterfinals Tuesday, No. 5 Casper Ruud beat No. 13 Matteo Berrettini in straight sets and will play No. 23 Nick Kyrgios or No. 27 Karen Khachanov.

In Garcia vs. Gauff, it was 4-0 merely 17 minutes in, as spectators were still filing in. All in all, there was less-vociferous support for Gauff than she heard in her previous victory in Ashe.

During that pretty perfect start, Garcia capped one 17-stroke exchange with a down-the-line forehand winner. She raised her fist and held that pose while looking at her guest box, where her father and coach were on their feet. It was a sequence that would be repeated.

Garcia stood right near the baseline, or inside it, and read Gauff's serves effectively. Garcia often returned deep enough to

## Stars shine bright: Giannis, Luka, Jokic lead at EuroBasket



**M I L A N**

(AP)—The stars showed up at EuroBasket on Tuesday in a big way.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 41 points in 27 minutes for Greece, Luka Doncic had 36 points for Slovenia and two-time reigning NBA MVP Nikola Jokic scored 29 points for Serbia — three of the world's best players all leading their teams to big group-stage wins at the European championships.

There's one more group-stage game left for each to play, and then a trip to Berlin awaits since Greece, Slovenia and Serbia have all clinched spots in the 16-team knockout round that begins Saturday.

Antetokounmpo's point total was the most in a EuroBasket game since Dirk Nowitzki had 43 for Germany in 2001. And when he heard that stat, all Antetokounmpo did was nod.

### Group C Greece 99, Ukraine 79

At Milan, Antetokounmpo simply overpowered Ukraine and ensured that Greece would finish atop its group.

Antetokounmpo — who got Monday off to rest — had his 41 points and nine rebounds in just 27 minutes to lead Greece (4-0).

He was 13 for 18 from the floor, 15 for 18 from the foul line.

### Estonia 94, Great Britain 62

Henri Drell scored 20 points, Siim-Sander Vene added 18 and Estonia had no trouble on the way to its first win of the tournament.

Maik-Kalev Kotsar scored 15, Kristjan Kitsing added 14 and Janari Joesaar finished

with 11 for Estonia (1-3).

### Italy 81, Croatia 76

Simone Fontecchio and Nicolo Melli each scored 19 points to lead Italy (2-2).

Bojan Bogdanovic led Croatia (2-2) with 27 points, while Ivica Zubac scored 13 and Dario Saric added 10.

### Group B Slovenia 88, Germany 80

At Cologne, Germany, Doncic's 36 points came with him making 14 of 25 shots. He also had 10 rebounds for Slovenia (3-1).

Goran Dragic scored 18 points and Mike Tobey added 10 for Slovenia.

"We showed what we are made of," Dragic said.

### Lithuania 87, Hungary 64

Lithuanian basketball is known for a lot of things, including passionate fans.

They go everywhere to cheer for their national team. And Tuesday, they even cheered for France—for good reason.

Lithuania topped Hungary and that, combined with France's win over Bosnia and Herzegovina, means the last qualifying spot out of Group B is still unclaimed. It'll be decided Wednesday when Lithuania plays Bosnia and Herzegovina, the winner moving on to Berlin and a round-of-16 game, the loser heading home eliminated.

Jonas Valanciunas scored 21 points on 10-of-13 shooting and Sabonis added 19 for Lithuania (1-3).

Marius Grigonis had 15 points and Rokas Jokubaitis added 10 for Lithuania. Zoltan Perl scored 16 for Hungary (0-4), while David Vojvoda and Roscoe Allen each finished with 10.

seemingly startle Gauff, who rushed some responses. After one of several attempted replies by Gauff settled in the net, she jutted her racket toward the ground, as if to indicate: "Why do these keep landing right there?!"

Gauff ended up double-faulting six times and finished with 24 unforced errors.

Taking balls early off the bounce, Garcia gained the upper hand from the baseline with her crisp strokes. During a brief TV interview on the way from the locker room to the court, Garcia said she hoped to be "more aggressive."

She certainly was.

With her volleying expertise — she has won two Grand Slam doubles titles

with French partner Kristina Mladenovic — Garcia moved forward whenever an opening presented itself. She wound up winning 13 of 16 points when she went to the net.

Gauff occasionally would show a bit of frustration at her play, slapping herself on the thigh or knocking her racket on a court-side towel holder.

She was trying to become the youngest American woman in the U.S. Open semifinals since Serena Williams was 17 when she won her first Grand Slam title in New York in 1999.

Garcia would not allow it. "Overall I'm super proud of myself ... but I'm hungry for more," Gauff said with a smile. "So maybe next year."

Goga Bitadze scored 21 for Georgia (1-3), while Thaddus McFadden had 19, Alexander Mamukelashvili scored 13, and Giorgi Shermadini and Duda Sanadze scored 10 apiece.

### Group D Serbia 89, Israel 78

At Prague, Jokic was 11 of 13 from the floor and also grabbed 11 rebounds for Serbia (4-0), while Vasilije Micic added 19.

Nikola Kalinic and Ognjen Jaramaz each scored 10 for Serbia.

Yam Madar scored 20 for Israel (2-2), while Deni Avdija had 14 and Roman Sorkin added 11.

### Poland 75, Netherlands 69

Poland was down by 13 in the third quarter before closing the game on a 39-20 run to tune up for its knockout-stage appearance.

Michal Sokolowski scored 24 for Poland (3-1), which got 16 from Aleksander Balcerowski and 10 from Jakub Garbacz.

Charlon Kloof led the Netherlands (0-4) with 26, and Yannick Franke scored 13.

### Finland 98, Czech Republic 88

Lauri Markkanen continued his strong tournament with 34 points and 10 rebounds, and Finland clinched its berth in the round of 16.

Sasu Salin scored 23 and Petteri Koponen added 14 for Finland, with Elias Valtonen finishing with 11.

Vojtech Hruban scored 22 for the Czech Republic, with Jan Vesely adding 15 and Patrik Auda and Jaromir Bohacik scoring 13 apiece. The Czechs play Israel on Thursday and, according to FIBA, could reach the knockout stage with a win.

### France 81, Bosnia and Herzegovina 68

Thomas Heurtel's 3-pointer with 5:49 left put France ahead to stay and started a game-ending 22-7 run for the winners, who were already assured of a spot in the round of 16.

Guerschon Yabusele scored 15 for France (3-1), while Heurtel and Fournier each had 14 and Rudy Gobert posted an 11-point, 12-rebound performance.

Jusuf Nurkic, Miralem Halilovic and Dzanan Musa all had 14 for Bosnia and Herzegovina (2-2), while John Roberson had 13 and Edin Atic finished with 10.

### Group A Turkey 78, Belgium 63

At Tbilisi, Georgia, Alperen Sengun scored 24 points, Furkan Korkmaz had 16 and Turkey (3-1) remained tied atop Group A.

Ercan Osmani added 12 for Turkey.

Haris Bratanovic scored 15 for Belgium (2-2) and Hans Vanwijnen scored 11.

### Spain 82, Montenegro 65

Spain (3-1) clinched its berth in the round of 16, with Dario Brizuela leading the way with 18 points.

Willy Hernangomez scored 14 for Spain, while Jaime Pradilla and Lorenzo Brown added 12 apiece.

Vladimir Mihailovic scored 18 for Montenegro (2-2), which got 11 from Marko Simonovic and 10 from Kendrick Perry.

### Bulgaria 92, Georgia 80

Dee Bost had 33 points and 12 assists, Aleksandar Vezencov finished with 28 points and 14 rebounds, and Bulgaria kept its hopes alive.

Pavlin Ivanov scored 17 for Bulgaria (1-3).



# Rays, Mariners both win, tied for top spot in AL wild-card race



**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** (AP)—Randy

Arozarena hit a three-run homer in the first, Christian Bethancourt and Yu Chang went deep back-to-back during the sixth, and the surging Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 8-4 on Tuesday night.

The Rays are an AL-best 22-10 since Aug. 4, and moved within 4 1/2 games of the AL East-leading New York Yankees. Tampa Bay is in a three-way competition for the first AL wild card with Seattle and Toronto.

With Tampa Bay scheduled starter Drew Rasmussen scratched and placed on the paternity list for the birth of son early Tuesday, six pitchers combined on a six-hitter.

Garrett Cleavinger (1-1) allowed one hit during a scoreless third and fourth to get his first win since June 20, 2021.

Triston Casas hit his first major league homer for the Red Sox, who are 18-38 against the AL East this year. Xander Bogaerts was 0 for 3, ending his team record-tying streak of nine consecutive multi-hit games. He shares the team record with Kevin Youkilis (2007), Jim Rice (1978) and Roy Johnson (1934).

Yandy Díaz had a leadoff double in the first and Manuel Margot singled before Arozarena connected on his 19th homer.

Arozarena is one homer and three stolen bases away from joining B.J. Upton (2011, 2012) as the second player in team history with 20 homers and 30 steals in a season. Arozarena had two doubles.

After Casas' two-run homer during the second off JT Chargois, Harold Ramierz put the Rays up 5-2 on a two-run single in the third.

Tommy Pham cut the Boston deficit to 8-4 on a two-run homer in the eighth.

Boston's Rich Hill (6-6) allowed five runs and nine hits over four innings. The left-hander couldn't repeat his success in a 5-1 win over Tampa Bay on Aug. 27, when he struck out 11 and allowed three hits over seven scoreless innings.

## Mariners 3, White Sox 0

In Seattle, Logan Gilbert tied his career high with nine strikeouts, Cal Raleigh homered and Seattle beat Chicago to keep the AL wild-card race tight.

Raleigh hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Mariners won for the eighth time in nine games. Seattle and Tampa Bay are 1 1/2 games ahead of Toronto, which is 3 1/2 games on front of Baltimore for the

final AL wild card. Raleigh has 23 homers, tops among catchers.

Chicago has lost two of three and dropped three games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central, also trailing Minnesota by 1 1/2 games.

Gilbert (12-5) allowed five hits in six innings, striking out two each in the third, fifth and sixth. Johnny Cueto (7-7) took the loss.

The Mariners and Rays are tied for the top spot in the American League wild-card race, 1.5 games up on the Toronto Blue Jays.

## Orioles 9, Blue Jays 6

In Baltimore, Adley Rutschman hit a bases-loaded double during a five-run third inning and Baltimore beat Toronto in a heated game in which both benches briefly emptied in the middle of the seventh.

Then tempers flared when Bryan Baker appeared to make a "chirping" signal with his hand toward the Toronto dugout after striking out Matt Chapman for the third out. Benches and bullpens emptied, and although order was quickly restored, Blue Jays interim manager John Schneider was ejected during the bottom of the inning and came out to give plate umpire Jeff Nelson an earful.

The Orioles pulled within 3 1/2 games of Toronto for the last American League wild card. They were swept by the Blue Jays in a doubleheader Monday.

Baltimore seemed to be treating this like a must-win game — or close to it. Dillon Tate (4-3), Cionel Pérez and Félix Bautista all worked more than an inning in relief. Four Orioles relievers combined to throw six innings, with Bautista getting the final six outs for his 12th save.

Bo Bichette homered again for Toronto — his fourth in the past two games — but Mitch White (0-4) couldn't make it out of a wild third inning in which he walked three and hit a batter.

## Guardians 4, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Shane Bieber pitched eight sharp innings, José Ramírez drove in two runs and AL Central-leading Cleveland beat Kansas City.

Bieber (9-8) allowed a run and four hits. He struck out seven and walked one. James Karinchak pitched the ninth for his first save.

The Royals lost their 82nd game, meaning they'll have a losing record for the sixth straight season.

Salvador Perez hit his 20th home run for Kansas City, the sixth year he's reached the mark. Kris Bubic (2-11) was the loser.



Tampa Bay Rays' Yu Chang celebrates in the dugout after hitting a home run against the Boston Red Sox during the sixth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Cubs 9, Reds 3

In Chicago, Hayden Wesneski allowed two hits over five shutout innings of relief to win his major league debut and Chicago took advantage of 11 walks to beat Cincinnati for its second win in nine games.

Wesneski (1-0), a 24-year-old right-hander acquired from the New York Yankees on Aug. 1 for reliever Scott Effross, struck out eight and walked one.

He relieved Wade Miley, who returned from a shoulder injury to make his first start since June 10. Wesneski retired 13 of the first 14 batters around a walk before Spencer Steer doubled with one out in the ninth and Aristides Aquino singled. Wesneski struck out Jake Fraley and Jose Barrero to end the game.

Ian Gibalt (1-1) took the loss.

## Phillies 3, Marlins 2

In Philadelphia, Bryce Harper got a gift double in the ninth inning when Miami left fielder Brian Anderson slipped chasing a flyball, then hustled home on Jean Segura's single to send Philadelphia over the Marlins.

Edmundo Sosa homered and doubled and Aaron Nola struck out 10 for the playoff-contending Phillies. They rebounded from a poor road trip in which they lost five of six to the sub-.500 Diamondbacks and Giants.

Anderson drove in both runs for the Marlins. Miami lost its eighth in a row.

Tommy Nance (0-3) intentionally walked J.T. Realmuto, and Segura lined a single to right. Harper just beat the throw by Avisail García.

David Robertson (4-2) was the winner.

## Cardinals 4, Nationals 1

In St. Louis, Nolan Gorman broke out of a slump with a homer and two RBIs to help St. Louis beat Washington.

José Quintana (5-6) gave up a run on five hits and he struck out five in five innings for first win since Aug. 10. The Cardinals have won five of their last six games and 19 of their last 22 at Busch Stadium.

Ryan Helsley pitched around a leadoff double in the ninth for his 14th save in 18 opportunities. Brendan Donovan also homered for St. Louis.

Cardinals slugger Paul Goldschmidt was held to one hit and did not drive in a run as he continued his Triple Crown pursuit. Goldschmidt leads the NL with a .329 average and 107 RBIs. He has 34 homers to trail Philadelphia's Kyle Schwarber (36) and Atlanta's Austin Riley (35).

Paolo Espino (0-7) took the loss.

## Pirates 8, Mets 2

In Pittsburgh, Mitch Keller scattered five hits over six shutout innings and Pittsburgh served the suddenly listless New York Mets with a loss.

The NL East-leading Mets failed to get a runner to third base against Keller (5-10) while dropping their third straight against teams playing out the string.

The Mets have lost three in a row for just the third time this season and saw their lead over Atlanta shrivel to a half-game. The Braves played in Oakland later Tuesday night.

Taijuan Walker (10-4) labored through five innings as the Mets lost for the fifth time in his last six starts. Brandon Nimmo hit a two-run home run in the seventh to cut New York's deficit to two.

## Rockies 10, Brewers 7, 10 innings

In Denver, Christian Yelich led off the game with a 499-foot homer for Milwaukee, but Randal Grichuk connected twice for Colorado, including a three-run drive in the 10th inning.

Yelich gave Milwaukee a great start, launching a drive into the third deck at Coors Field. It was the third-longest home run since Statcast started tracking homers in 2015 — Texas' Nomar Mazara hit a 505-foot shot in 2019 and Miami's Giancarlo Stanton hit a 504-footer at Colorado in 2016.

Grichuk hit a solo homer that capped a five-run rally in the eighth that made it 6-all. His second home run, and 15th of the season, came off Taylor Rogers (3-7). Daniel Bard (4-4) pitched two innings for the win.

Willy Adames had three hits for Milwaukee, including an RBI double in the 10th inning to drive in Yelich for a 7-6 lead.

## Rangers 4, Astros 3

In Houston, Corey Seager scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the seventh and Texas snapped a nine-game losing streak, beating AL West-leading Houston.

Houston's Framber Valdez (14-5) had his six-game winning streak end. The left-hander surrendered four runs,

two earned, on six hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out 11 and walked four.

## Angels 5, Tigers 4, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Andrew Velazquez scored on Magneuris Sierra's bunt single in the 10th inning and Los Angeles beat Detroit for its first winning homestand since early May.

Taylor Ward scored the tying run moments earlier on a throwing error to the plate by shortstop Javier Baez, who had singled home Kody Clemens with the Tigers' go-ahead run in the top of the 10th.

Sierra then laid down a bunt along the first base line, and Andrew Chafin (1-3) couldn't field it cleanly before Velazquez slid home to secure the Angels' eighth victory in 11 games. Los Angeles had endured six straight losing homestands.

Mike Trout homered in his third consecutive game for the Angels, while Mike Ford and Jo Adell hit back-to-back homers before Los Angeles blew that early 3-0 lead. Shohei Ohtani went 0 for 4 after hitting two homers Monday night.

## Padres 6, Diamondbacks 5

In San Diego, Jorge Alfaro hit a two-run, bases-loaded single with two outs in the ninth inning to lift San Diego past Arizona.

The Padres, who fell behind 5-0 after five innings, pulled back into the game on three home runs against Merrill Kelly and then won it against Ian Kennedy in the ninth.

Kennedy (4-7) loaded the bases on a fielder's choice, single and walk before Alfaro singled to center field to win it. The catcher, who came off the injured list on Monday, was mobbed by his teammates in shallow right field.

Nick Martinez (4-3) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

## Dodgers 6, Giants 3

In Los Angeles, Joey Gallo blasted a go-ahead, three-run homer in the second inning. Max Muncy added a pair of solo shots and Los Angeles beat San Francisco.

The NL West leaders improved to 11-4 against their rival this season. All of the game's runs came on homers.

Muncy, who came in hitting .186, went 3 for 4 and drove in three runs.

Tyler Anderson (14-3) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings. The left-hander struck out three and walked two. Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth to earn his 22nd save.



# Lady Tritons return to Super League with high hopes

The Lady Tritons of the University of Guam return to the Lady Triton-Global Learning Super League on Wednesday night at the UOG Calvo Field House with high hopes of a good fall season after coming off a winless campaign in the spring of 2022. The Super League is full this fall with six teams in the league and the return of the spring champions, the Lady Bombers of Andersen Air Force Base, who completed their dominance in the league with a 10-0 record in the spring of 2022.

The Tritons have a full roster of 13 players from the outset this season, a much different scenario from last spring, when they had only three players after tryouts and had to beg for players to join the team. But the UOG dorm students did save the Lady Tritons, with several ladies joining the team from other islands around Micronesia and the Tritons were able to play a full season in the Super League, and while success was measured in team improvement over the season, there were no wins for UOG, but the fall season is hopefully a different story for the Lady Tritons.

The team is a mixture of



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University of Guam Lady Tritons at tryouts last August. The Tritons have a full roster of 13 players from the outset this season, a much different scenario from last spring.



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Katrina Santos, MVP for the Lady Tritons in the spring of 2022, returns to the team this fall.

returnees and newcomers, as most of the UOG dorm students are now playing with Team MIBBC (formerly the Federated States of Micronesia National Team), the new team in the Super League. UOG returns Team MVP, Kat Santos, to the fall version of the team as well as Jasmin Samonte, Rozanna Claros, Lovely Niloobau and Maria Pagdilao who finished the spring season with the Tritons.

“The team plays unselfishly, they play together, and they play hard,” said UOG women’s basketball assistant coach Jill Acda.

The starting five for the Tritons consist of Myranda Brogger, an exchange student from University of Minnesota at Morris; Rozanna Claros; Nicole Pine-da; Jazmin Samonte; and Amanda Uncangco.

The Lady Tritons play the BallHers club team in the opening game on Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the UOG Calvo Field House, in the nightcap, the Lady Bombers take-on the Acadavate team, the two teams who met in the Super League finals last spring. On Friday night, Team MIBBC takes on Fuetsa in the opening game while the Bombers play the BallHers in Friday’s nightcap.

The six-team league will mostly play on Monday and Wednesday nights through late October with the championship game scheduled for Monday, Oct. 24. The Super League will feature a first time All-Star game on Wednesday, Oct. 26 to close out the season. The league will have a 16-member All-League team named

as well.

All games will be “Live” streamed through the UOG Athletic Facebook page. Five games will be presented on “Live” TV through PBS Guam KGTF TV12 with three regular season games featuring UOG Lady Triton matchups and then one semi-final game as well as the Super League Championship game. The PBS match-ups will feature game commentary by Fred Peters.

The first PBS Guam broadcast will be Monday, Sept. 12 with the Lady Tritons playing Team MIBBC at 8:15pm.

UOG’s Global Learning and Engagement Department is the title sponsor for the Lady Triton Super League and their donation allows the league to have 5 “Live” TV games with PBS Guam. (PR)

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Arriola, Jen Palacios, Selma-lyn Taitano, and Gloria Palacios made up the winning lineup for the 670 Babes.

This game brought 670 Babes to 2-3 in the standings, while Tokahao Ladies went a peg down at 1-4, with both teams at the bottom of the leaderboard out of six teams.

and make friends. The most memorable part was getting the chance to break all of my personal best times and trying events that I had never swam before,” she said.

The younger Sikkell said her experience in the Peruvian capital will serve her in good stead as she moves forward on her swimming career.

“I am honored as it was a great learning experience,” she said.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	81	54	.600	
Tampa Bay	76	58	.567	4½
Toronto	75	60	.556	6
Baltimore	72	64	.529	9½
Boston	67	70	.489	15
Central Division				
Cleveland	70	64	.522	
Minnesota	68	65	.511	1½
Chicago	68	68	.500	3
Kansas City	55	82	.401	16½
Detroit	51	85	.375	20
West Division				
Houston	87	49	.640	
Seattle	77	59	.566	10
Los Angeles	60	76	.441	27
Texas	59	76	.437	27½
Oakland	50	86	.368	37
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	85	51	.625	
New York	85	51	.625	
Philadelphia	74	61	.548	10½
Miami	55	79	.410	29
Washington	48	88	.353	37
Central Division				
St. Louis	80	56	.588	
Millwaukee	71	64	.526	8½
Chicago	57	78	.422	22½
Cincinnati	53	80	.398	25½
Pittsburgh	50	84	.373	29
West Division				
Los Angeles	93	42	.689	
San Diego	75	62	.547	19
San Francisco	65	69	.485	27½
Arizona	65	70	.481	28
Colorado	58	79	.423	36

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showed up to play and support this tournament as well. It’s one of a kind.”

He added that “the teams were more competitive this year compared to last year. Other

than that, it just gets better, “and thanked the official sponsors for the event, Roil Soil, MARPAC Inc., All-Star Sporting Goods, and Hawaiian Rock which “helped a lot and [we] couldn’t do it without them.”

Alapatiw Alongaal received \$1,000 for their first place win, \$750 was given to second place

really high in the 2022 FINA Junior World Championships.

“The nice thing about this being a junior event is that the athletes are all close in age and enjoy hanging out with one another outside of the pool. Peru itself was really great, friendly people, good food, beautiful sights, and [the 2022 FINA Junior World Championships] was a well-organized event.”

Coach Sikkell also thanked the Northern Marianas

team Mamaaw, \$500 for third place winner KLIQ, and \$350 for fourth place Boys Klal.

Branon Hocog, Dennis Cabrera Jr., Franko Nakamura, Byron Kaipat, Kimo Angailen, Ikluk Masayos, Marvin Kaipat, Harry Nakamura, Jun Kaipat, Verlance Secharmidal, JD Magofna, Ben Saures, Pat Guerre-

Swimming Federation for its support and for sending two CNMI swimmers to the world-class swimming event.

“We are grateful for the support of the community, the federation, the parents, making traveling to this event possible for us. Allowing our swimmers this experience will benefit and strengthen the swimming community and programs in the CNMI.”

Thompson said she couldn’t be more thrilled

ro, and Henry Lizama Jr. made up the team.

Aside from the actual softball games, a home run derby and a cornhole tournament was also held. Nathan Camacho won the home run derby by shooting eight moon shots out of 10 and won a baseball bat and other gear.

that she got to experience the 2022 FINA Junior World Championships.

“I am so grateful to have experienced a competition like this. I had recently gone to the World Championships in Hungary, which was an entirely different experience to the Junior World Championships in the way that everybody was so close in age that it was easy to engage in conversations with people all around the world





Garcia, 28, tops  
Gauff, 18, at US  
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## Alapatiw Alongaal crowned King of the Diamond

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Alapatiw Alongaal rose from the ashes of the loser's bracket to beat erstwhile undefeated Mamaaw twice in the finals to rule the 2nd Annual King of the Diamond Labor Day Softball Tournament last Sunday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

The champion team topped 13 teams in the 14-team double-elimination softball tourney then bludgeoned Mamaaw, 15-8, in the second game after edging their co-finalists, 13-11, in the first game.

To get to the semifinals, Alapatiw Alongaal met and upset defending champions KLIQ, 11-10, in the quarterfinals to advance to the finals.

Mamaaw was handed the upset as they were undefeated in the winner's bracket, but Alongaal proved that anything can happen in the sport of softball and beat them for the championship in the finals.

Ikluk Masayos, coordinator

for the event and co-captain for the champions, said that "as for the win, I would like to thank all the teams who participated. The competition is real and gives you that adrenaline rush that I believe every player unexpectedly strives for. I would also like to thank all my teammates for the hard work and dedication that was exhibited throughout this tournament. We fought hard and accomplished the ultimate prize. Softball is anyone's game. This game was our game. Until next year again, who knows what team will claim that title. I'm proud of all the players and fans who

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Team Alapatiw Alongaal poses with their prizes after they were crowned champions of the 2nd Annual King of the Diamond Labor Day Softball Tournament last Sunday after defeating team Mamaaw, 15-8 in a double-elimination final at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

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## NMI swimmers reset nine PBs in Peru



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NMI swimmers Jinie Thompson, right, and Savita Sikkell pose inside the competition venue for the 2022 FINA Junior World Championships in Lima, Peru.

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Jinie Thompson and Savita Sikkell recorded personal bests in nine of the 10 events they competed in the 2022 FINA Junior World Championships in Lima, Peru.

Thompson finished 62nd overall in the women's 50m freestyle with a time of 31.09.

She also came in 51st in the women's 50m backstroke after a swim of 38.09.

The Saipan International School student ranked 49th in the women's 50m butterfly with a time of 35.57 before coming in 62nd place in the women's 100m freestyle after a swim of 1:09.45.

The 16-year-old then post-



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Jinie Thompson and Savita Sikkell explore the sites of Lima, Peru during a break from competition.

ed a 1:24.17 in the women's 100m backstroke that was good for 51st overall.

Sikkell, for her part, came in 63rd in the women's 50m freestyle in 32.12, 52nd in the women's 50m backstroke in 38.31, 50th in the women's 50m butterfly in 36.28, and 52nd in the women's 100m backstroke in 1:26.42.

The 14-year-old SIS student, however, was disqualified in the women's 100m freestyle after she made a wrong turn in Day 1 of the competition.

CNMI national coach Richard Sikkell said considering that the girls haven't swam in an official swimming pool for years, all their events in

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## 670 Babes edge Tokahao Ladies, 12-9

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670 Babes bounced back from their loss last week by edging Tokahao Ladies, 12-9, in the women's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Edilynn Benjamin and her five RBIs was the star of the show as she went two of four at bats, hitting and scoring a run in the third inning and hitting a triple in the sixth inning.

On the defensive side, 670 Babes' pitcher conquered the mound, striking out eight of Tokahao's batters which resulted in four scoreless innings. Only one home run was made by Rayna Deleon Guerrero in the top of the second inning, which caused a six-run rally by the Tokahao Ladies, but their efforts fell short as their momentum died down. The Tokahao

Ladies were only able to produce three more runs in the sixth inning.

670 Babes took advantage of the Tokahao Ladies' scoreless innings and produced runs in all the innings except three. Cat Dela Cruz, Semerina Simram, Momo Halstead, Julie Palacios, Jen Palacios, Christine Arriola, and Gloria Rigolifoi all contributed one RBI each.

However, Tokahao Ladies' pitcher put up a good fight as well, striking out six 670 Babes batters, but it wasn't enough to discourage their lineup from putting up two runs in the first inning, five runs in the third inning, two runs in the fifth inning, and three runs in the sixth inning.

Tiah Camacho, Lizan Deleon Guerrero, Cat Dela Cruz, Nish Cabrera, Edilynn Benjamin, Semerina Simram, Momo Halstead, Julie Palacios, Almira Deleon Guerrero, Christine

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